

Annual Report
of
Town Officers
of the
Town of Agawam
Massachusetts



For the Year Ending December 31,
1953

Town Officers 1953

ELECTED

Moderator

ANDREW C. GALLANO

Selectmen and Board of Health

FREDERICK C. EMERSON

EDWARD W. TALMADGE WILLIAM E. VIGNEAUX

Town Clerk and Treasurer

BRANDON N. LETELLIER

Town Collector

MARGARET E. FERRANTI

School Committee

KATHERINE G. DANAHY	Term Expires 1954
RICHARD M. TAYLOR	Term Expires 1954
ELIZABETH B. POND	Term Expires 1955
HOWARD N. SIMPSON	Term Expires 1955
PAUL J. ADAMS	Term Expires 1956
JERRY L. ZERRA	Term Expires 1956

Assessors

FRANCIS P. CLEARY	Term Expires 1954
WILLIAM M. BARDWELL	Term Expires 1955
ADOLPHUS PROVOST	Deceased

Library Trustees

ODETTE Z. BENJAMIN	Term Expires 1954
CLARA J. McVEIGH	Term Expires 1955
EVA S. KERR	Term Expires 1956

Water Commissioners

DUDLEY K. BODURTHA	Term Expires 1954
EDWARD G. CONNOR	Term Expires 1955
LOUIS MERCADANTE	Term Expires 1956

Board of Public Welfare

LEONARD P. RISING	Term Expires 1954
JERRIE CAVANAUGH	Term Expires 1955
ANDREW CHRISCOLA	Term Expires 1956

Cemetery Commissioners

JOSEPH E. SMITH	Term Expires 1954
CHARLES E. FAZIO	Term Expires 1955
G. ARTHUR ARMSTRONG	Term Expires 1956

Trustees of Whiting Street Fund

GEO. A. TOUSSAINT	Term Expires 1954
HOMER C. ALLEN	Term Expires 1955

Tree Warden

ELMER CASCIO	Term Expires 1954
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Planning Board

RAYMOND J. DELOGHIA	Term Expires 1954
EDWIN B. SPRING	Term Expires 1955
HENRY W. LAWSON	Term Expires 1956
WILLIAM S. MABB	Term Expires 1957
CLIFFORD D. POND	Term Expires 1958

Parks & Playground Commission

SAMUEL F. PROVO	Term Expires 1954
ASHLEY ROBERT COOLEY, JR.	Term Expires 1955
CHARLES C. MITCHELL	Term Expires 1956

Agawam Housing Authority

LOUIS DEPALMA	Term Expires 1954
LOUIS L. DEL PADRE	Term Expires 1955
JAMES H. CHANDLER, JR.	Term Expires 1956
JULES K. DEFORGE	Term Expires 1958
VALENTINE R. MORENO	State Appointee

Constables

DUDLEY K. BODURTHA	DANIEL DIDONATO
FRANKIE H. CAMPBELL	ALVIN R. KELLOGG
STEVEN C. CARLISTO	HORACE A. MAROTTE, JR.
ASHLEY R. COOLEY, JR.	CHARLES M. ROBINSON
JASPER P. DEFORGE	GEORGE H. TALMADGE

Town Accountant

Chief of Police

Superintendent of Highways

Town Engineer

Fire Engineers
GEORGE E. PARO

Welfare Agent

Veterans' Administrator

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Surveyor of Lumber

Moth Superintendent

Inspector of Meats

Inspectors of Slaughtering

Board of Health Agent
FRANCIS J. MURPHY

Animal Inspector
RICHARD T. WILSON

Fence Viewers
WILLIAM H. LESTER JAMES W. CESAN

Dog Officer
ROLAND C. REED

Burial Agent
LESLIE C. MILLER

Building Inspector
GEORGE L. REYNOLDS, resigned
NELSON E. TREVALLION

Plumbing Inspector
EDWARD J. DESMARAIS

Inspector of Wiring
O. WILLIAM ANDERSON

Town Counsel
HENRY E. PATNAUDE

Town Prosecutor
WILLIAM T. WALSH

Board of Appeals
HAROLD C. ATWATER JAMES P. KANE
JAMES H. KERR PAUL J. ADAMS, Alt.
EDWARD W. THOMAS, Alt.

Finance Committee
ARTHUR W. JOHNSON FRANCIS M. WEBLER
HOLLIS F. KANE BEATRICE M. BARKER
PHILIP V. HEMBDT BENJAMIN S. BASSANI

Registrars of Voters

CLARENCE A. DUCLOS ELMER SECORD
ALVIN R. KELLOGG, JR. BRANDON N. LETELLIER

Director of Civil Defense

JAMES A. O'KEEFE

Personnel Board

PAUL J. ADAMS
HENRY L. McGOWAN JEAN GOSS

Personnel Director

RONALD E. JOHNSON

Town of Agawam

Incorporated June 15, 1855

Population, 1950 Census 10,166

United States Senators
Leverett Saltonstall, Newton
John F. Kennedy, Boston

Representative in Congress
Edward P. Boland, Springfield

Councillor
Eighth District
Bruce Crane, Dalton

State Senator
Hampden, Hampshire & Berkshire District
Ralph Lerche, Northampton

Representatives in General Court
Eleventh Hampden District
William A. Cowing, West Springfield
George W. Porter, Agawam

Annual Town Election
Third Monday in February

Annual Town Meeting
First Saturday in March

Town Calendar

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
9:00 A.M. — 5:00 P.M.

Thursday Evenings
7:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.

Board Meetings

Selectmen — Monday Evenings 7:30 P.M.
Water Commissioners — First and Third Fridays
Planning Board — First Friday
Finance Committee — Second Thursday

TELEPHONES

Town Hall—connecting all departments in building	7-2616
Police Department	7-4767
Fire Department—all departments	6-2131
Sta. No. 1 North Agawam	2-4326
Sta. No. 2 Feeding Hills	4-4278
Sta. No. 3 Agawam Center	7-1751
School Department	
Superintendent	4-8045
High School Principal	2-7589
Katherine G. Danahy	4-7746
Clifford M. Granger	4-7839
Benjamin J. Phelps	4-1330
Faolin M. Peirce	4-7937

List of Jurors

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| <p>Walter A. Haggerty
 37 Bridge St., No. Agawam
 Emile Desmarais
 85 Bridge St., No. Agawam
 Frank D. Davis
 63 Cleveland St., F. H.
 Thomas J. Flynn
 2 Conte St., No. Agawam
 Edgar St. John
 25 Cooley St., No. Agawam
 Paul J. Parent
 71 Cooley St., No. Agawam
 Edward J. Desmarais
 81 Cooley St., No. Agawam
 Roy K. Cowan
 43 Line St., F. H.
 Eleanor W. Paro
 77 Maple St., No. Agawam
 Donald P. Curran
 81 Maple St., No. Agawam
 Lillian A. Webler
 141 Maple St., No. Agawam
 Fred E. Duclos
 158 Maple St., No. Agawam
 Rose Letellier
 243 Maple St., No. Agawam
 Anthony W. Trabold
 99 Moore St., No. Agawam
 Ernest F. Hamel
 31 Norman Ter., F. H.
 Arthur E. Stanwell
 63 Norman Ter., F. H.
 George Kerr
 63 Norman Ter., F. H.
 Henry Gensheimer
 209 North St., F. H.
 Albert J. Letendre
 398 North St., F. H.
 Lawrence Pisano
 83 Oak Hill Ave., No. Agawam
 Anna V. Schneider
 84 Oak Hill Ave., No. Agawam
 Thomas Swanson
 46 Oak Lane, F. H.
 Richard Cebrelli
 31 Ottawa St., No. Agawam
 Peter Lovotti
 16 River St., No. Agawam
 Adrienne B. Alvigini
 56 River St., No. Agawam</p> | <p>Robert R. Jacques
 23 Giffin Place, F. H.
 Ethel E. Gibson
 56 Homer St., F. H.
 Joseph Draghetti
 120 Homer St., F. H.
 Antoni Romanowicz
 54 Lincoln St., F. H.
 Steven Charles Carlisto
 44 Line St., F. H.
 Charles Gravel
 27 Norris St., F. H.
 Sydney C. Granger
 854 North St., F. H.
 Florence M. Conkey
 31 Northwood St., F. H.
 Homer C. Allen
 12 No. Westfield St., F. H.
 Giles W. Halladay
 327 No. Westfield St., F. H.
 Alfred L. Tompkins
 24 Parks St., F. H.
 Thomas Neill
 658 Springfield St., F. H.
 Clarence E. Gravel
 42 Norris St., F. H.
 Ashley Robert Cooley, Jr.
 52 Northwood St., F. H.
 Robert D. Hawthorne
 251 No. West St., F. H.
 Rutherford H. Ferry
 73 No. Westfield St., F. H.
 Prentiss R. Jenks
 478 No. Westfield St., F. H.
 Perry A. McCobb
 20 Ridgeway Dr., F. H.
 Leonard P. Rising
 942 Shoemaker Lane, F. H.
 Arthur L. Spear
 335 So. West St., F. H.
 Ashley R. Cooley
 1156 Springfield St., F. H.
 Gerald R. Bailey
 98 Albert St., Agawam
 Muriel E. Conkey
 1438 Main St., Agawam
 John Lawrence Corliss
 419 Suffield St., Agawam
 Andrew Burgess
 33 Anthony St., Agawam</p> |
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Thomas E. Rice	Aldo Veronesi
Springfield St., No. Agawam	20 Central St., Agawam
George H. Talmadge	Elizabeth R. Gensheimer
527 Springfield St., F. H.	13 Charles St., Agawam
Wilbur J. Cowan	Elsie C. Carlson
603 Springfield St., F. H.	7 Cooper St., Agawam
Paul W. Dame	Richard Allyn Thorpe
102 Suffield St., No. Agawam	28 Corey St., Agawam
Peter Luccardi	George A. Toussaint
25 Tower Ter., No. Agawam	24 Elm St., Agawam
George Styner	John F. Hauser
16 Walnut St., No. Agawam	111 Elm St., Agawam
William H. Dugan	Lottie B. Twarog
77 Walnut St., No. Agawam	196 Elm St., Agawam
George A. Provost	Eugene E. Southworth
79 Walnut St., No. Agawam	56 Lealand Ave., Agawam
Raymond E. Daly	Charles E. Fazio
260 Walnut St., No. Agawam	231 Adams St., Agawam
Joel C. Stuart	Katherine I. Hollister
46 Washington Ave., No. Agawam	1157 Main St., Agawam
Leslie H. Gibbs	Milton Addison Peterson
380 Springfield St., No. Agawam	85 Monroe St., Agawam
Joseph P. Norman	Patrick P. Vassallo
582 Springfield St., F. H.	11 Anthony St., Agawam
Lillian P. Broz	Aletha M. Hodge
624 Springfield St., F. H.	70 Bailey St., Agawam
Arnold E. C. Petersen	Ruth R. Shaylor
122 Suffield St., No. Agawam	21 Central St., Agawam
John W. Parent	Judson W. Hastings
69 Walnut St., No. Agawam	2 Colonial Ave., Aga. (N. Aga.)
Patrick J. Coughlin	Joseph L. Yacavone
104 Walnut St., No. Agawam	74 Cooper St., Agawam
Aldege J. Bessette	Stella M. Cordes
184 Walnut St., No. Agawam	63 Elbert Rd., Agawam
John H. Carrigg	Charles M. Brouse
51 Brookline Ave., F. H.	32 Elm St., Agawam
Ralph H. Pomeroy	Alice L. Shields
347 No. Westfield St., F. H.	139 Elm St., Agawam
Michael F. Chmielewski	Donald R. Goss
56 So. Westfield St., F. H.	280 Elm St., Agawam
Robert A. Harris	Richard M. Moran
323 Southwick St., F. H.	43 Federal St. Ext., Agawam
Charles H. Wood	George Webster
1368 Springfield St., F. H.	137 Leonard St., Agawam
George N. Miller	Gertrude E. Minor
68 Brookline Ave., F. H.	15 Ley St., No. Agawam
Joseph J. Ferrari	Stuart A. Kibbe
39 Garden St., F. H.	684 Main St., Agawam
William F. Myers	Charles H. Pope
17 Hall St., F. H.	1169 River Rd., Agawam
Ralph Giordano	Ernest R. Hall
28 Highland St., F. H.	106 Silver St., Agawam
Harry H. Myers	Henry L. McGowan
97 Homer St., F. H.	111 Suffield St., Aga (N. Aga.)

Herbert Binns
46 Kensington St., F. H.
Daniel DiDonato
63 Franklin St., F. H.
William J. Miner
22 Gale St., F. H.
Francis Elroy Bouley
19 Letendre Ave., F. H.
Guy Fuller
347 No. Westfield St., F. H.
Raymond E. Lafleur
21 Ridgeway Dr., F. H.
Lucius H. VanHeusen
268 So. Westfield St., F. H.
Charlotte H. Austin
86 Witheridge St., F. H.
Albert H. Daigle
831 So. Westfield St., F. H.

Harold C. Atwater, Jr.
28 Woodside Drive, Agawam
Leslie J. Moore
396 Main St., Agawam
James N. Reynolds, Jr.
670 Main St., Agawam
Sumner C. Schwartz
639 River Rd., Agawam
G. S. Warwood
88 Riverview Ave., Agawam
Margaret M. Ruckstuhl
62 So. Park Ter., Agawam
Clement J. Fariole
336 Suffield St., Agawam
Frederick W. Potter
38 Valentine St., Agawam

Report of the Board of Selectmen

To the Citizens of the Town of Agawam:

Gentlemen:

Agawam, in 1953, reflected greater growth than any single year prior to this. With the growth comes an increasing need for an expansion of all facilities.

In 1953 we witnessed an increase in our valuation of about 8%, and in the last six years, the valuation of the Town, as a whole, has increased better than 60%.

Good progress was made in the extension of our trunk sewer lines on Silver and North Westfield Streets; and on Suffield Street, we filled in the remaining gap between Center and Cooper Streets, so that now we have a complete system from Main Street on Suffield Street, through to Silver Street.

We separated the surface drainage from sanitary sewers on Cooper Street by the installation of a new drainage system, so that we now have an opportunity to extend both services to the Federal Hill area, and it is our plan to continue progress in the two or three years ahead until that system is completely installed. We installed a number of laterals in both sewers and surface drainage, which detailed information is contained in the report of our Town Engineer. The program started last year—that of completing the road surfacing in side streets where a new sanitary sewer was installed—was continued and with good success.

Our highway program was extended and expanded, and we were able to accomplish a lot, both mains and side streets. This program will be continued. For complete details, please refer to the report of our Superintendent of Streets.

Main Street, Route 5A, was re-surfaced by the Department of Public Works. This necessitated planning for possible future installations, with the result that our Sewer Department did a lot of additional work before the new surface was laid. The Board feels extremely fortunate in being able to get the

entire section from the junction of River Road to the West Springfield Bridge completed in a single year, and we are grateful to the Department of Public Works for their cooperation.

Also, during this year a 3-step traffic light was installed at Suffield and Silver Streets; and a flash beacon at the junction of Cooper, Rowley and Suffield Streets. Requests have been made of the Department for installations at Main and Meadow Streets; Main and School Streets and at O'Brien's Corner. We have been assured that the first two installations would be made in 1954, and the Department is reviewing again the O'Brien's Corner location.

In Chapter 90 Construction, we were able to accomplish another portion of Southwick Street, and expect that the gap between West Street and the foot of Provin Mountain will be completed in 1954. We are also hopeful that the Department of Public Works will consider Chapter 90 Funds for the rebuilding of a section of Cooper Street, with the plan that eventually all of this highway from Main Street to Mill Street will be completed.

Our future needs for sewers, surface drainage and highways, far exceed what we can hope for during the coming year. Our Board, therefore, is planning projects which will continue to extend our mains and also pick up laterals as we can, consistent with the availability of the Town to pay for them.

On sidewalks, we rebuilt a portion of the old sidewalk from O'Brien's Corner in a westerly direction. We hope to build a new section in addition, this coming year at this location. Other sidewalk projects are also under consideration.

Our Highway Department is in need of additional equipment. One of our trucks should be replaced if we are going to carry on with the program of replacing vehicles over five years or more in age. A new roller is needed for Highway work, and a packer for use in rubbish pick-up.

Further progress in the construction of the new South-end Bridge has been noted with the work now being done in Agawam in the building of the Cloverleaf at the lower end of Meadow Street. In addition, the steel structure is now being put in place for the bridge itself.

Our business and industrial expansion in the past year has been at an increased and healthy rate. We saw the opening of the new Professional Building—the Drugstore and the Super

Market. Also other store openings in a new block constructed to the rear of this project, on Walnut Street Extension. We also saw the opening of a branch office by the Simplex Time Recorder; Turcotte Manufacturing Company constructed and opened their plant later in the year; and across the street there are at present, three other buildings under construction, one of which is nearly completed and will be a block of stores. We also saw the opening of a new Drugstore in Feeding Hills Center. The construction of a new plant for Crystal Ice on Main Street. There is also a strong possibility that in the same area a large industry will be located on property adjacent to the ice plant. Also the construction of a frozen custard stand at the corner of Walnut and Springfield Streets, and on Main Street, the beginning of a new home for Tinti's Frozen Foods.

As one of several New England communities, we submitted a bid for an electric steel mill, which is a favorable plant that will use electric power only. It represents a small operation—as steel mills go—but would be a good addition to Agawam if our bid is accepted, for the reason that it would attract high type personnel.

The Feeding Hills Library has been repainted on the exterior, and reconditioned in several other ways.

This year also saw the Town's approval for the construction of a new High School.

We sponsored and supported legislation in the General Court, and will continue this procedure during the coming year.

The Connecticut River Water Control Association, of which the members of your Board are members, has been actively accumulating material preparatory to the filing of a bill in Congress of the United States. Representative Boland now has all of the data assembled, and has issued the assurance that the resolution will be filed in Congress preparatory to the commencement of hearings by the House Department of Public Works. The aim of this legislature is to endeavor to secure Federal Funds to assist our area in the abatement of pollution and the encouragement of Flood Control.

Several special survey and study committees have been authorized by vote of the Town, and they have been making progress, and their reports will be forth-coming at the Annual Town meeting.

The interest in the safety of our citizens—problems which

are under the supervision of the Fire, Police and Civil Defense Departments are well known to this Board. As our community grows, so will the requirements of all people, for additional protection, increase. We realize that these things, along with our other needs, have to progress consistent with good steady growth and the ability of our financial structure to meet said requirements.

We are grateful to all representatives of our various Town Departments and Town employees, and all of our good people for their continued cooperation. Our Board shall continue to do its best to serve you and your needs.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK C. EMERSON, Chairman
EDWARD W. TALMADGE
WILLIAM E. VIGNEAUX

Board of Selectmen

Report of the Board of Health

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

At the Annual Town Meeting, the voters of the Town authorized the appointment of a Health Agent. Our Board has felt the need for such an individual for a long period of time, and we were therefore, grateful to the people of Agawam for supporting us at that time.

Due to a misunderstanding, it was necessary to clarify the status concerning wages, and we, therefore, sought, through the Personnel Board, the necessary revision of salaries, which finally made it possible for us to appoint this agent after the middle of the year.

The work of the Board of Health is now the responsibility of our Agent, Mr. Francis Murphy. Prior to the commencement of his services in early September, we worked on the usual problems relating to health and sanitation, and in addition, spent considerable time in seeking information and advise in regard to the new Federal Law which requires the cooking of all garbage beginning January 1, 1954.

One of the bills which the Board of Selectmen is submitting for consideration in the General Court in the coming year, relates to an increase in rates for the Westfield Sanatorium. We had been paying a good portion of the old rate of \$40.00 per week, and the rates, we were advised, were going to be increased to \$70.00 per week. Our bill before the General Court requests a maximum of \$50.00 per week, and in the meantime, through the assistance of the County Commissioners, the rate has been reduced from \$70.00 to \$60.00 on a year to year basis.

The report of our Health Agent follows.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD W. TALMADGE, Chairman
FREDERICK C. EMERSON
WILLIAM E. VIGNEAUX

Board of Health

Report of the Health Agent

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the 1953 report of the Health Agent which covers the four month period from September through December.

During this period, routine inspections and investigations were started which included 27 food establishments, 30 dairy farms and piggeries, and 46 investigations of complaints related to the public health.

Office equipment and supplies were purchased and a filing system was set up. A library of the latest information available pertaining to public health and environmental sanitation was acquired.

A laboratory has been established in the Town Office Building and will commence to operate in January, 1954. This laboratory contains the latest equipment available and will be equipped to check the sanitary quality of all raw and pasteurized milk produced or sold in Agawam, the efficiency of pasteurization, post pasteurization contamination, cleanliness of bottles, and the percentage of butterfat in the milk. The laboratory will also check the sanitary quality of private drinking water supplies and the suitability of beaches for bathing. Restaurant eating and drinking utensils will also be analyzed routinely for the efficiency of washing and sanitizing.

A program of school and school cafeteria sanitation was started and to date there have been many improvements made.

A new garbage collection contract is being sought which will give to the residents the same type of garbage collection as in the past with added improvements.

The Town dump will be relocated as soon as possible. It is planned to have the dump supervised, fenced and the hours for dumping regulated.

I wish to thank the many people who have aided me in setting up the office and helped to make my, so far, short as-

sociation with the Town a pleasant experience. It has been a pleasure to serve Agawam, a town which I believe has progressed far beyond similar size towns in the field of public health.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. MURPHY

Health Agent

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes

Current Year:		
Poll	\$ 6,348.00	
Personal	77,555.76	
Real Estate	666,456.23	
		\$ 750,359.99
In Lieu of Taxes		2,318.63

Previous Years:		
Poll	142.00	
Personal	1,748.10	
Real Estate	50,762.92	
		52,653.02
Tax Titles		1,055.43
Tax Possessions		163.00

From State:		
Income Tax	30,483.02	
Corp. Tax—Business	40,611.57	
Meal Tax (Old Age Assistance)	1,707.35 ✓	
High School Transportation	18,755.29	
State Aid—Teachers' Salaries ..	75,632.65	
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes	7,810.06	
		174,999.94

Licenses and Permits

Liquor	13,080.00	
All Other	3,010.50	
Police — Firearm Permits	71.00	
		16,161.50

Fines and Forfeits

District Court Fines	1,804.06	
Contract & Plan Forfeits	150.00	
		1,954.06

Grants and Gifts

From Federal Government:		
Old Age Assistance	41,506.69 ✓	
Aid to Dependent Children	8,984.41 ✓	

Disability Assistance	1,961.67	✓	
Smith-Hughes and George Bar-			
den School Funds	775.29		
			53,228.06
From State:			
Reimbursement School Building			
Assistance	15,553.44		
Vocational Education	6,033.10		
Motor Vehicle Excise	62.02		
			21,648.56
From County:			
Dog Licenses			2,057.03
Privileges			
Motor Vehicle Excise and Trailer Taxes:			
Current Year	87,383.02		
Previous Years	15,967.17		
			103,350.19
Special Assessments			
Unapportioned Sidewalk Ass'm'ts	1,011.40		
Unapportioned Sidewalk Ass'm'ts			
Added to Taxes	200.00		
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments			
Added to Taxes	25.38		
Unapportioned Sewer Assessm'ts	9,950.81		
Unapportioned Sewer Assessm'ts			
Added to Taxes	2,919.98		
Apportioned Sewer Assessments			
Added to Taxes	169.10		
			14,276.67
Assessments Paid in Advance			408.38

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

General Government

Collector — Fees	863.30		
Town Clerk — Dog Licenses	2,663.60		
Miscellaneous	60.30		
			3,587.20

Protection of Persons and Property

Fire — Inspector's Fees	176.50		
Sealer — Fees	200.15		
			376.65

Health and Sanitation

Nurses' — Fees	672.50	
Sewer Connections	8,160.00	
Sewers a/c Receivables	169.37	
	<hr/>	9,001.87

Highways

From State:		
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,999.67	
Chapter 90 Construction	10,538.11	
	<hr/>	12,537.78
From County:		
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,999.67	
Chapter 90 Construction	1,103.18	
	<hr/>	3,102.85
From Town:		
Road Machinery Fund		5,545.40
From Individuals:		
a/c Receivables	100.00	
Miscellaneous	21.50	
	<hr/>	121.50

Charities

Welfare:		
From State	5,344.96	✓
From Cities and Towns	3,126.23	✓
	<hr/>	8,471.19
Aid to Dependent Children:		
From State		5,913.29
Old Age Assistance:		
From State	33,697.59	✓
From Cities and Towns	5,318.36	✓
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Disability Assistance:		
From State		786.78

Veterans' Benefits

From State	4,135.79
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Schools

Tuition of State Wards	2,059.10
Other Tuition	1,169.05
Manual Arts Receipts	421.64
Rentals	185.00
Miscellaneous	81.68

School Athletic Receipts	8,496.66	
School Lunch Receipts	72,523.22	
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Libraries		
Fines		115.85
Recreation		
Handicraft		105.88
Unclassified		
Rents	5,181.98	
Housing Authority	1,104.76	
Withholding Taxes	85,867.42	
Blue Cross	6,300.25	
Contributory Retirement	14,123.72	
Petty Cash Returned	615.00	
Tailings	45.26	
Sale of Real Estate	3,100.00	
U. S. Savings Bonds	541.75	
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Public Service Enterprises		
Water Receipts:		
Rates	77,766.92	
Connections	5,200.00	
Guarantee Deposits	1,900.00	
Miscellaneous	4,826.09	
	<hr/>	89,693.01
Interest		
On Deferred Taxes	1,709.31	
On Betterment Assessments	182.12	
On Tax Titles	47.28	
	<hr/>	1,938.71
Agency, Trust and Investment		
Library Funds — Income	786.45	
Cemetery Funds — Income	73.16	
	<hr/>	859.61
Refunds and Reimbursements		
Departmental	697.11	
Workman's Compensation	102.85	
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Total Receipts	1,582,560.22
Cash on Hand January 1, 1953	492,672.84
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GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS and CASH ON HAND	\$2,075,233.06

PAYMENTS
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative

Moderator	25.00
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Selectmen

Salaries	2,297.00	
Clerk	2,555.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	216.90	
Mimeograph	348.75	
Office Supplies and Equipment	228.11	
Travel	109.60	
Miscellaneous	186.33	
	<hr/>	5,941.69

Accounting

Salary	3,732.00	
Printing, Forms, etc.	184.48	
Office Supplies and Equipment	73.83	
Miscellaneous	89.13	
	<hr/>	4,079.44

Treasurer

Salary	1,703.00	
Assistant	1,371.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage ..	426.75	
Office Supplies and Equipment	335.60	
New Equipment	246.45	
Miscellaneous	150.19	
	<hr/>	4,232.99

Collector

Salary	3,951.00
Assistant	2,741.00
Extra Clerical	109.30
Printing, Stationery & Postage	1,397.29
Office Supplies and Equipment	217.80
New Equipment	122.50

Insurance	58.65	
Miscellaneous	183.64	
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		8,781.18

Assessors

Salaries	4,560.00	
Assistant	2,741.00	
Clerk	487.50	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	146.28	
Office Supplies and Equipment	208.03	
New Equipment	260.95	
Photocopies of Deeds	374.40	
Car Expense	200.00	
Appraisals	300.00	
Miscellaneous	175.05	
Addressograph	318.05	
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		9,771.26

Law

Town Counsel	1,500.00	
Town Prosecutor	500.00	
Appraisals	550.00	
Miscellaneous	476.82	
1952 Bill — Town Counsel	939.00	
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		3,965.82

Town Clerk

Salary	1,703.00	
Assistant	1,370.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	107.49	
Office Supplies and Equipment	82.19	
Miscellaneous	80.39	
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		3,343.07

Election and Registration

Salaries	1,604.00	
Printing, Forms, etc.	711.20	
Miscellaneous	143.95	
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		2,459.15

Engineering

Salaries and Wages	9,345.49	
Office Supplies	55.93	
Engineering Supplies	444.74	
Truck	352.91	

Shelving for Vault	86.13	
Miscellaneous	143.68	
	<hr/>	10,428.88

Town Hall

Janitor	3,090.00	
Telephone Operator	2,040.30	
Fuel	964.16	
Light	837.32	
Telephone	2,098.33	
Janitor's Supplies	250.54	
Repairs and Maintenance	777.16	
Painting Interior	273.62	
Painting Exterior	719.00	
Insurance	302.02	
Miscellaneous	100.00	
	<hr/>	11,452.45

Town Buildings

Janitor	63.00	
Fuel and Light	48.60	
Repairs and Maintenance	722.16	
Furnace — Feeding Hills Library	294.45	
	<hr/>	1,128.21

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

School Traffic Officers

Wages		3,015.00
Salaries	58,744.00	

Police

New Cars	550.00	
Repairs and Maintenance — Cars		
Motorcycle	1,677.69	
Gas and Oil	3,305.88	
Ambulance	127.98	
Equipment and Uniforms	458.31	
Radio Maintenance	353.93	
Radio Antenna	577.90	
Police Training School	200.00	
Office Expense	335.66	
Miscellaneous	268.26	
Out of State Travel	48.92	
	<hr/>	66,648.53

Fire

Salaries	36,940.15
Apparatus	1,449.91
Hose	697.50
Gas and Oil	341.17
New Pick-up Truck	1,444.72
Fuel and Light	1,480.69
Repairs and Maintenance Bldgs.	758.62
Telephone	668.80
Miscellaneous	185.07

43,966.63

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Salary	1,200.00
Car Expense	281.92
Equipment	46.17
Miscellaneous	87.77

1,615.86

Building Inspector

Salary	1,300.00
Assistant	200.00
Travel	197.05
Printing, Forms, etc.	168.56
Miscellaneous	125.99

1,991.60

Electrical Inspector

Salary	750.00
Travel	193.69
Printing, Forms	25.59
Miscellaneous	140.59

1,109.87

Gypsy Moth

Labor	491.25
Miscellaneous	8.51

499.76

Forestry

Tree Warden	825.00
Labor	1,800.00
Trucks	497.00
Equipment	200.00
Spraying	1,000.00

Tree Planting	500.00	
Dutch Elm Infected Trees	500.00	
		5,322.00
Removal of Tree Stump—Agawam Center		189.72
Forest Fires		
Labor	150.00	
Truck	75.00	
Equipment	200.00	
Fire Permits	150.00	
Miscellaneous	13.00	
		588.00
Dog Officer		
Services	209.25	
Miscellaneous	2.32	
		211.57

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health

Administration Salaries	553.00	
Health Doctor	100.00	
Office Expense	158.19	
Tuberculosis Hospitals	5,236.20	
Miscellaneous	112.24	
Health Agent:		
Salary	1,496.00	
Car Allowance	116.29	
Laboratory, Partitions, etc.	2,805.00	
Laboratory Equipment	2,043.33	
Laboratory Supplies	192.05	
		12,812.30
Inspections:		
Animals	275.00	
Meats and Provisions	867.00	
		1,142.00
Plumbing Inspector:		
Labor	2,405.00	
Miscellaneous	57.03	
		2,462.03
Town Nurses, Clinic:		
Salary	3,381.10	

Car Expense	418.27	
Assistant Nurses	2,827.45	
Car Expense	174.16	
New Car	1,481.85	
Medical Supplies & Equipment	381.33	
Office Supplies	111.97	
Miscellaneous	61.13	
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Baby Clinic		8,837.56
		480.00

Sanitation

Sewers and Surface Drainage

So. Westfield St. Sewer:		
Contract	6,829.69	
Labor	382.04	
Material	219.50	
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		7,431.23
Northwood St. Sewer:		
Labor	201.53	
Jobbing	185.70	
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		387.23
Suffield St. Sewer — 1952:		
Contract	473.95	
Labor	195.64	
Material	44.25	
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		713.84
Suffield St. — 1953:		
Contract	8,591.18	
Labor	528.68	
Material	1,843.04	
Miscellaneous	37.10	
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		11,000.00
Portland Place Sewer:		
Contract	1,797.94	
Labor	497.50	
Material	704.56	
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		3,000.00
North Westfield St. Sewer:		
Contract	9,348.19	
Labor	673.15	
Material	1,632.75	
Miscellaneous	28.38	
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		11,682.47

Ley St. Sewer:		
Contract	2,599.97	
Labor	346.36	
Material	559.67	
Miscellaneous	94.00	
	<hr/>	3,600.00
Lincoln St. Sewer:		
Contract	6,107.70	
Labor	481.98	
Material	861.76	
Miscellaneous	15.37	
	<hr/>	7,466.81
Witheridge St. Sewer:		
Contract	1,813.97	
Labor	477.66	
Material	1,008.37	
	<hr/>	3,300.00
Silver St. Sewer:		
Contract	10,410.71	
Labor	545.93	
Material	987.11	
Miscellaneous	56.25	
	<hr/>	12,000.00
Warren St. Sewer:		
Contract	1,840.29	
Labor	142.05	
Material	417.66	
	<hr/>	2,400.00
Dyotte St. Sewer:		
Contract	1,878.75	
Labor	178.62	
Material	488.13	
Miscellaneous	54.50	
	<hr/>	2,600.00
Alhambra Circle Storm Sewer:		
Contract	12,700.00	
Labor	2,089.89	
Material	5,640.00	
Miscellaneous	96.95	
	<hr/>	20,526.84
Cooper St. Storm Sewer:		
Contract	10,000.00	
Labor	3,034.05	

Material	10,131.32	
• Jobbing	737.76	
Miscellaneous	192.34	
	<hr/>	24,095.47
Albert St. Drain:		
Contract	1,613.78	
Labor	59.40	
Material	1,891.12	
	<hr/>	3,564.30
Mill and Poplar Sts. Drain:		
Contract	1,793.32	
Labor	273.96	
Material	1,326.84	
	<hr/>	3,394.12
Meadow Ave. Drain:		
Contract	4,117.08	
Labor	436.00	
Material	1,744.07	
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No. and So. Westfield St. Pipe:		
Labor	427.11	
Material	3,639.73	
	<hr/>	4,066.84
Sewer Maintenance and Surface Drain:		
Labor	13,374.69	
Pipes and Fittings	3,254.42	
Jobbing	3,506.76	
Road Machinery	802.30	
Material	734.52	
Steel Rods	586.10	
Miscellaneous	172.80	
	<hr/>	22,431.59
Refuse and Garbage		
Garbage Collection:		
Services	3,040.00	
Truck	960.00	
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Rubbish Collection:		
Labor	4,246.12	
Road Machinery	732.40	
Jobbing	1,254.00	
Miscellaneous	70.58	
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Highways

Chapter 90 Construction—1951:		
Contract		4,386.07
Chapter 90 Construction—1953:		
Contract	14,935.72	
Labor	43.20	
Miscellaneous	158.41	
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		15,137.33
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Labor	811.42	
Material	4,811.42	
Road Machinery	191.50	
Jobbing	185.00	
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		5,999.34
Highway Maintenance:		
Superintendent	5,033.60	
Clerk	2,277.60	
Office Expense	261.29	
Labor	9,709.35	
Trucks	1,435.40	
Jobbing	265.50	
Material	7,614.25	
Equipment and Repairs	474.39	
Signs	427.29	
Miscellaneous	179.37	
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		27,678.04
New Equipment:		
Sewer Bucket & Winches	3,397.69	
Stone Spreader Box	1,225.00	
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		4,622.69
Road Machinery Account:		
Repairs and Parts	3,486.23	
Gas and Oil	4,682.13	
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		8,168.36
Bridge Maintenance		432.39
Mittineague Bridge Repairs —		
Chap. 90		242.60
Brush Cutting:		
Labor	971.58	
Road Machinery	107.80	
Miscellaneous	20.27	
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		1,099.65

Curbing—Walnut & Spfld. St.:			
Contract	752.70		
Labor	143.25		
Paint	3.22		
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			899.17

Sidewalks

Agawam Center Library:			
Contract			50.00
Springfield St. Recapping:			
Contract	2,190.36		
Labor	389.25		
Material	520.20		
Jobbing	191.92		
Legal Ad	2.89		
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			3,294.62

Sidewalk Maintenance:			
Labor	690.08		
Material	249.85		
Trucks	29.00		
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			968.93

Snow Removal

Labor	3,598.79		
Material	1,646.82		
Road Machinery	2,327.17		
Jobbing	1,929.00		
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			9,501.78

New Oiling

Labor	4,027.20		
Material	6,189.29		
Road Machinery	1,036.71		
Jobbing	3,121.82		
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			14,375.02

Maintenance Oiling

Labor	3,764.55		
Material	10,444.04		
Trucks	850.17		
Equipment	199.00		
Jobbing	382.00		
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			15,639.76

Posting of Private Ways

Labor	53.60	
Signs, etc.	903.73	
		957.33

Traffic Light Curb Installation

Contract	325.00	
Material	820.53	
		1,145.53
Street Lights		22,966.44

CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Welfare

Administration:

Salaries	1,100.00
Office Expense	300.00

Relief:

Groceries and Provisions	1,918.46
Fuel	467.93
Clothing	111.11
Board and Care	1,252.99
Medicine and Medical Attend.	1,618.62
Cash Aid	8,853.67
Rents	1,021.26
Hospital	2,233.75
Burial	150.00
Relief by other Cities & Towns	488.75
Miscellaneous	40.01

19,556.55 ✓
3,750.10 -

1952 Bills—City of Springfield

Aid to Dependent Children

Federal Grant — Administration	17.34	
Federal Grant — Aid	5,114.16 ✓	
		5,131.50
Town — Administration	880.00	
Town — Aid	11,000.00 ✓	
		11,880.00

Old Age Assistance

Federal Grant — Administration	2,837.87	
Federal Grant — Aid	41,115.35 ✓	
		43,953.22

Town — Administration	2,420.00	
Town — Aid	17,407.65	/
		19,827.65

Disability Assistance

Federal Grant — Administration	5.61	
Federal Grant — Aid	438.65	/
		444.26
Town — Administration	400.00	
Town — Aid	3,334.13	/
		3,734.13

Veterans' Benefits

Administration:		
Agent's Salary	3,090.00	
Car Allowance	200.00	
Office Expense	193.51	
Relief:		
Cash Aid	5,282.09	
Medical	637.95	
Hospital	667.00	
Burials	300.00	
Miscellaneous	30.50	
		10,101.05

Schools

General Expense:		
Salaries	11,587.90	
Travel	275.12	
Office Expense	523.86	
Instruction:		
Salaries	307,690.00	
Books	7,567.23	
Supplies	11,205.40	
Library	81.10	
Tuition	6,035.74	
Transportation	33,794.28	
Janitors' Services	27,364.43	
Fuel and Light	14,317.51	
Maintenance:		
Repairs	13,446.18	
Janitors' Supplies & Operating Expense	5,939.05	
Memorial Field	436.38	
Furniture and Furnishings	4,781.59	

Health	4,883.96	
Graduation	227.72	
Insurance	6,236.09	
Miscellaneous	1,031.95	
Agriculture	5,050.07	
Household Arts	2,646.68	
Adult Education	654.00	
High School Athletics	2,282.86	
Out of State Travel	137.03	
	<hr/>	468,196.13
George Barden Funds		341.66
Phelps School Addition		200.00
Danahy School Addition		325.00
High School Building Committee:		
Architect	4,775.00	
Test Borings	239.25	
Use of Survey	150.00	
	<hr/>	5,164.25
High School Parking Lot:		
Contract	7,510.00	
Miscellaneous	255.51	
	<hr/>	7,765.51
New Electric Service Entrance—High School:		
Contract and Architect	2,362.60	
Legal Ads	37.40	
	<hr/>	2,400.00

School Lunch Funds

Services	26,770.06	
Groceries and Provisions	42,748.91	
Supplies and Equipment	3,746.12	
Fuel and Light	1,433.52	
Repairs	337.34	
Miscellaneous	621.58	
	<hr/>	75,657.53

School Athletic Funds

Services	1,414.00	
Supplies and Equipment	1,877.89	
Guarantees	850.00	
Transportation	575.85	
Miscellaneous	117.30	
	<hr/>	4,835.04

Libraries

Salaries	675.00	
Books and Periodicals	1,981.20	
Fuel and Light	329.65	
Furniture	50.75	
Office Expense	51.66	
Miscellaneous	19.50	
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Davis Library Funds		3,107.76
		772.08

Parks and Playgrounds

Services	2,344.52	
Supplies and Equipment	523.74	
Transportation	256.00	
Parks	490.00	
Miscellaneous	134.12	
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		3,748.38

Unclassified

County Aid to Agriculture	100.00	
Memorial Day	363.39	
Town Reports & Budgets	2,672.51	
Finance—File Cabinets & Dues	90.75	
Personnel Expense	40.38	
Liability Insurance	5,663.32	
Surety Bonds	647.25	
Widows' Annuity	600.00	
Dog Licenses to County	2,663.60	
Board of Appeals	539.43	
Planning Board	51.64	
1952 Bills	541.84	
Tax Title Foreclosures	40.40	
Withholding Taxes	85,867.42	
Blue Cross	6,300.25	
Contributory Retirement	24,929.37	
Savings Bonds	525.00	
Damages to Persons	2,800.00	
Land Taking	1,989.60	
Insurance on Town Vehicles	2,846.90	
Micro-Filming Records	1,368.67	
Teachers' Retirement Fund	343.32	
Petty Cash Advances	615.00	
Civil Defense	1,034.67	
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		142,631.71

Public Service Enterprises

Water

Administration:

Salaries	4,271.00
Clerk	462.00
Office Expense	312.27

General Expense:

Labor	18,527.15
Trucks	325.96
Pipes and Fittings	11,762.59
Meters and Repairs	8,668.06
Equipment	864.32
Gas and Oil	508.62
Rental of Equipment	3,149.37
Miscellaneous	290.19
Repairing Highways	673.97

New Truck 1,494.65

Meter Testing Machine 798.91

Construction:

Contract	1,663.44
Labor	718.12
Pipes and Fittings	13,799.46
Rental of Equipment	1,786.29
Legal Ad	4.25

Contract 29,581.48

Springfield Tie-In:

Contract	2,888.00
Labor	731.22
Material	2,831.09
Miscellaneous	47.85

106,160.26

Cemeteries

Maple Grove Cemetery	690.00
Old Cemetery—Houghton's	5.00
Cemeteries—Maintenance	800.00
Veterans' Graves	216.00

1,711.00

Interest

Feeding Hills School Loan	6,580.00
Danahy School Loan	807.50
Phelps School Loan	4,122.50

11,510.00

Municipal Indebtedness

Feeding Hills School Loan	20,000.00	
Danahy School Loan	5,000.00	
Phelps School Loan	15,000.00	
	<hr/>	40,000.00

Agency, Trust and Investment

County Tax	22,860.73	
State Parks and Reservations	1,421.89	
State Audit	1,479.01	
Bottling License for State	10.00	
	<hr/>	25,771.63

Refunds

Taxes	2,266.37	
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,251.92	
General Departments	100.00	
Water Department	426.80	
Assessments	97.37	
	<hr/>	5,142.46

Total Payments	1,568,449.47
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1953	506,783.59

GRAND TOTAL PAYMENTS	
and CASH ON HAND	\$2,075,233.06

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1953

	Balance	Appropriations	Additions	Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Moderator		25.00		25.00	25.00	
Selectmen		6,237.00		6,237.00	5,941.69	295.31
Accounting		4,112.00		4,112.00	4,079.44	32.56
Treasurer		4,371.00		4,371.00	4,232.99	138.01
Collector		8,572.00	212.50*	8,784.50	8,781.18	3.32
Assessors		10,082.00	500.00*	10,582.00	9,771.26	810.74
Assessors — New Maps		11,000.00		11,000.00		11,000.00
Law		3,400.00	939.00ED	4,339.00	3,965.82	373.18
Town Clerk		3,502.00		3,502.00	3,343.07	158.93
Election & Registration		2,281.00	179.15*	2,460.15	2,459.15	1.00
Town Buildings		12,610.00	400.00ED	13,010.00	12,580.66	429.34
Police		66,360.00	677.90*	67,037.90	66,098.53	939.37
Police — New Cars		550.00		550.00	550.00	
School Traffic Officers		3,100.00		3,100.00	3,015.00	85.00
Fire		44,230.00	1,134.00ED	45,392.77	42,521.91	2,870.86
Fire — New Pick-Up Truck		1,500.00	28.77**	1,500.00	1,444.72	55.28
Sealer of Weights and Measures		1,750.00		1,750.00	1,615.86	134.14
Building Inspector		2,200.00		2,200.00	1,991.60	208.40
Building Code Revision		300.00		300.00		300.00
Electric Inspector		1,050.00	59.87*	1,109.87	1,109.87	
Forestry		5,325.00		5,325.00	5,322.00	3.00
Removal of Tree Stump—P.O. ..		250.00		250.00	189.72	60.28
Gypsy Moth		500.00		500.00	499.76	.24
Fire Warden		600.00		600.00	588.00	12.00
Dog Officer		200.00	11.57*	211.57	211.57	
Health		12,635.00	2,000.00ED	14,813.00	11,954.40	2,858.60
			178.00**			
Vital Statistics		15.00		15.00		15.00

Town Nurses, Clinic	8,602.00	7,835.71	766.29
Assistant Nurse's New Car	1,800.00	1,481.85	318.15
Inspections—Animal & Slaughter	1,142.00	1,142.00	
Plumbing Inspector	2,875.00	2,462.03	412.97
Garbage Collector	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Rubbish Collection	6,650.00	6,303.10	346.90
Sewers & Surface Drainage	18,625.00	22,431.59	co249.30
			944.11
So. Westfield St. Sewer	7,437.56	7,431.23	
		6.33T	
Northwood St. Sewer	735.60	387.23	
		348.37T	
Suffield St. Sewer — 1952	724.91	713.84	
		11.07T	
Suffield St. Sewer — 1953	11,000.00	11,000.00	
Portland Place Sewer	3,000.00	3,000.00	
No. Westfield St. Sewer	11,700.00	11,682.47	17.53
Ley St. Sewer	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Lincoln St. Sewer	7,500.00	7,466.81	
		33.19T	
Withridge St. Sewer	3,300.00	3,300.00	
Silver St. Sewer	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Warren St. Sewer	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Dyotte St. Sewer	2,600.00	2,600.00	
Alhambra Circle Storm Sewer	21,750.00	20,526.84	1,223.16
Cooper St. Storm Sewer	25,000.00	24,095.47	905.53
Albert St. Storm Sewer	3,800.00	3,564.30	235.70
Mill and Poplar Sts. Drain	3,500.00	3,394.12	105.88
Meadow Avenue Drain	9,000.00	6,297.15	2,702.85
No. & So. Westfield Pipe	5,000.00	4,066.84	933.16
Edward St. Drain	165.12	165.12T	
Annable St. Sewer	950.81	950.81T	
Norman Terrace Sewer	1,298.54	1,298.54T	

1.00**

Highway Maintenance, Bridges ..	37,663.00		37,663.00	36,278.79	1,384.21
Mitt. Bridge Repairs, Chap. 90		242.60*	242.60	242.60	
Snow Removal	9,550.00		9,550.00	9,501.78	48.22
New Highway Equipment	4,750.00		4,750.00	4,622.69	127.31
Maintenance Oiling	15,770.00		15,770.00	15,639.76	130.24
New Oiling	16,209.00		16,209.00	14,375.02	1,833.98
Brush Cutting	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,099.65	900.35
Curbings—Walnut & Spfld. St.		899.80	899.80	899.17	.63
Agawam Center Lib'ry. Sidew'lk ..	54.32		54.32	50.00	4.32
F. H. Center Sidewalk —	899.80		899.80	899.80T	
Springfield St. Sidewalk—1952 ..	99.54		99.54	99.54T	
Springfield St. Sidewalk Recap.					5.38
Sidewalk Maintenance	3,300.00		3,300.00	3,294.62	31.07
Posting of Private Ways	1,000.00		1,000.00	968.93	42.67
Traffic Light Curbings	1,000.00		1,000.00	957.33	4.47
Chap. 90 Construction — 1951 ..	1,150.00		1,150.00	1,145.53	
Chap. 90 Construction — 1953 ..	22,840.23		22,840.23	4,386.07	18,454.16
Chap. 90 Maintenance	40,000.00		40,000.00	15,137.33	24,862.67
Chap. 90 Maintenance	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,999.34	.66
Street Lights	23,000.00		23,000.00	22,966.44	33.56
Engineering	10,555.00		10,607.00	10,428.88	178.12
U. S. Grant—Old Age Assist.		52.00*	41,506.69FG	43,953.22	5,651.05
	7,776.28		321.30**		
Old Age Assistance	47,420.00		2,350.00*	49,827.65	
			57.65**		
U. S. Grant—Aid to Dep. Child'n ..	2,591.46		8,984.41FG	5,131.50	6,444.37
Aid to Dependent Children				11,880.00	
U. S. Grant—Disability Assist. ..	1,727.54		1,961.67FG	444.26	3,244.95
Disability Assistance			4,400.00	3,734.13	665.87
Public Welfare			1,825.00*	23,306.65	4.05
			34.70**		
Veterans' Benefits	11,490.00		30.00**	10,401.05	1,118.95
Schools	467,392.00		1,234.49T	468,196.13	co422.29
			115.87**		123.94

Civil Defense	19.27	1,275.00	1,294.27	1,034.67	259.60
Planning Board		600.00	600.00	51.64	548.36
Board of Appeals		550.00	550.00	539.43	10.57
Teachers' Retirement Fund			343.32	343.32	
Micro-Filming Records		1,734.95	1,734.95	1,368.67	366.28
Contributory Retirement Approp.		10,805.65	10,805.65	10,805.65	
Water		100,891.00	104,472.48	103,866.70	605.78
New Water Truck		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,494.65	5.35
Water Meter Testing Machine ..		800.00	800.00	798.91	1.09
Cemeteries		1,516.00	2,241.00	1,701.00	540.00
Interest		11,510.00	11,510.00	11,510.00	
Debt		40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	
Totals	\$ 91,255.45	\$1,343,204.97	\$161,104.09	\$1,595,564.51	\$1,441,011.78
					\$154,552.73

*Reserve

**Refund

ED Excess and Deficiency

FG Federal Grants

T Departmental Transfer

R Revenue

C County

co Carry-over

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

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Tax Titles	6,359.09		Federal Grants:		
Tax Possessions	96,793.80		Old Age Assistance	558.40	
			Old Age Administr.	5,092.65	
Special Assessments:			Aid to Dependent		
Unapportioned Sewer			Children, Assist.	4,902.50	
Assessments	19,345.35		Aid to Dependent		
Unapportioned Sewer			Children, Admin.	1,541.87	
Added to Taxes			Disability Assistance	2,841.71	
—1952	187.00		Disability Admin.	403.24	
Committed Interest	7.11		Geo. Barden Funds	166.58	
			Smith Hughes Funds	+50.29	
					15,957.24
Departmental Revenue:			Unexpended Appropri-		
Sewers	305.33		ation Balances:		
Aid to Dependent			Assessors —		
Children	1,704.44		New Maps	11,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	596.61		Feeding Hills Fire		
Schools	470.61		Damage	1,341.46	
			Revision of Bldg. Code	300.00	
Aid to Highways:			Sewer Maint.—Carry-		
State	16,938.82		over	249.30	
County	9,244.29		No. & So. Westfield		
			Sts., Drain Pipe	933.16	
Water Department:			Cooper St. Storm		
Rates	11,904.57		Sewer	905.53	
Miscellaneous	2,301.76		No. & So. Alhambra		
			Cir. Storm Sewer ...	1,223.16	

Rebuild. Maple Grove Cemetery	540.00	
Overlay Reserve		98,959.84
Overlay Res. for Abate. Levy of 1952	2,326.18	68,379.35
Levy of 1953	26,590.12	
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		28,916.30
Motor Veh. Excise	5,679.61	
Special Assessm'ts ..	19,539.46	
Departmental	3,076.99	
Tax Title	103,152.89	
Water	14,206.33	
Aid to Highways	26,183.11	171,838.39
Overestimates to be used as Available Funds:		
County Tax	301.48	
T. B. Hosp'l Ass'm't	789.45	
Surplus Rev. (E.&D.)		1,090.93
		329,378.00
		<u>\$2,836,098.37</u>

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments

Not Due	\$ 1,296.36	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:	\$1,296.36
		Due 1954 to 1962 Inclusive	

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES M. PEDULLA,

Town Accountant

Treasurer's Report

ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Dr.

Balance January 1, 1953	\$ 492,672.84	
Receipts of 1953 (See Town Accountant's Report)	1,582,560.22	
	<hr/>	\$2,075,233.06

Cr.

Payments of 1953 (See Town Accountant's Report)	1,568,449.47	
Balance December 31, 1953	506,783.59	
	<hr/>	\$2,075,233.06

TRUST FUNDS

Whiting Street Fund

Dr.

January 1, 1953, on hand		
Securities and Savings	5,595.00	
Cash	583.11	
Income	257.61	
	<hr/>	6,435.72

Cr.

December 31, 1953		
Securities and Savings	5,595.00	
Cash	649.24	
Paid on order of Trustees	191.48	
	<hr/>	6,435.72

Desire A. Pyne

Dr.

January 1, 1953		
Securities	2,000.00	
Cash	206.65	
Income	55.00	
	<hr/>	2,261.65

Cr.

December 31, 1953		
Securities	2,000.00	
Cash	261.65	
	<hr/>	2,261.65

Mary E. Phelon School Fund

Dr.

January 1, 1953

Securities and Savings	1,225.93	
Cash	305.82	
Income	155.46	

4,687.21

Cr.

December 31, 1953

Securities and Savings	1,225.93	
Cash	380.28	
Paid on Order	79.97	
Service Charges	1.03	

4,687.21

Mary E. Phelon Library Fund

Dr.

Securities	500.00	
Income	14.37	

514.37

Cr.

Securities	500.00	
Paid trust fund income	14.37	

514.37

Charles Palmer Davis Library Fund

Dr.

Income of 1953	879.72	879.72
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Cr.

Paid Agawam Library Ass'n	826.93	
Trustees Compensation	52.79	

879.72

Old Cemetery Fund

Dr.

Savings Deposits	700.00	
Income	20.12	

720.12

Cr.

Savings Deposits	700.00	
Paid income to Town	20.12	

720.12

Maple Grove Cemetery Fund

Dr.

Savings Deposits	1,405.79	
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Income	40.39	
	<hr/>	1,446.18
Cr.		
Savings Deposits	1,405.79	
Paid income to Town	40.39	
	<hr/>	1,446.18
Old Cemetery Ass'n of F. H. Fund		
Dr.		
Savings Deposits	280.00	
Income	8.05	
	<hr/>	288.05
Cr.		
Savings Deposits	280.00	
Paid income to Town	8.05	
	<hr/>	288.05
F. H. Old Cemetery Ass'n Fund		
Dr.		
Savings Deposits	160.00	
Income	4.60	
	<hr/>	164.60
Cr.		
Savings Deposits	160.00	
Paid income to Town	4.60	
	<hr/>	164.60
Post War Rehabilitation Fund		
Dr.		
Savings Deposits	78.70	
Income	2.05	
	<hr/>	80.75
Cr.		
Savings Deposits	80.75	
	<hr/>	80.75

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

Purpose of Loan	Year Issued	Outstanding	Rate	Date of Retirement	Yrly. Prin. Payment
Inside Debt Limit					
Feeding Hills School Ext.	1949	\$319,000.00	2%	Feb. 1969	\$20,000.00
Katherine G. Danahy School	1952	50,000.00	1.70	Feb. 1962	5,000.00
Benjamin J. Phelps School	1952	50,000.00	1.70	Feb. 1962	5,000.00
Outside Debt Limit					
Benjamin J. Phelps School	1952	200,000.00	1.70	Feb. 1972	10,000.00
Inside debt limit as of December 31, 1953		\$914,551.20			
Less outstanding inside debtedness		419,000.00			
Remaining inside debt limit		<u>\$495,551.20</u>			

BRANDON N. LETELLIER
Town Treasurer

Report of Town Collector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Town Collector for the year ending December 31, 1953.

TAXES OF 1951

Poll

Outstanding January 1, 1953		24.00
Payment to the Treasurer	24.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
		<hr/>
		24.00

Personal

Outstanding January 1, 1953		180.90
Payment to the Treasurer	111.15	
Abatements	69.75	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
		<hr/>
		180.90

Real Estate

Outstanding January 1, 1953		31.00
Payments to the Treasurer	31.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
		<hr/>
		31.00

Motor Vehicle

Outstanding January 1, 1953		1,173.73
Payments to the Treasurer	342.14	
Abatements	831.59	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
		<hr/>
		1,173.73

TAXES OF 1952

Poll

Outstanding January 1, 1953		312.00
Payments to the Treasurer	118.00	

Abatements	140.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	54.00	
	<hr/>	312.00

Personal

Outstanding January 1, 1953	3,594.38	
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	18.00	
Refunds	36.00	
	<hr/>	3,648.38
Payments to the Treasurer	1,636.95	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	2,011.43	
	<hr/>	3,648.38

Real Estate

Outstanding January 1, 1953	48,991.43	
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	2,088.99	
Refunds	313.87	
	<hr/>	51,394.29
Payments to the Treasurer	50,731.92	
Abatements	345.37	
Transfer to Tax Title	56.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	260.75	
	<hr/>	51,394.29

Motor Vehicle

Outstanding January 1, 1953	7,262.23	
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	987.23	
Added Commitment	8,834.63	
Refunds	178.73	
	<hr/>	17,262.82
Payments to the Treasurer	15,625.03	
Abatements	418.23	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	1,219.56	
	<hr/>	17,262.82

TAXES OF 1953

Poll

Commitments	7,516.00	
Refunds	4.00	
	<hr/>	7,520.00
Payments to the Treasurer	6,348.00	

Abatements	866.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	306.00	
	<hr/>	7,520.00

Personal

Commitment		81,748.13
Payments to the Treasurer	77,555.76	
Abatements	27.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	37.13	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	4,128.24	
	<hr/>	81,748.13

Real Estate

Commitment	729,432.90	
Refunds	1,912.50	
	<hr/>	731,345.40
Payments to the Treasurer	666,456.23	
Abatements	13,090.50	
Transferred to Tax Title	1,579.50	
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	192.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	50,026.67	
	<hr/>	731,345.40

Motor Vehicle

Commitments	96,435.74	
Refunds	2,073.19	
	<hr/>	98,508.93
Payments to the Treasurer	87,383.02	
Abatements	6,665.86	
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	345.93	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	4,114.12	
	<hr/>	98,508.93

In Lieu of Taxes

Commitments		
Sewer Dept.	994.05	
Water Dept.	1,324.58	
	<hr/>	2,318.63
Payments to the Treasurer	2,318.63	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
	<hr/>	2,318.63

Unapportioned Sidewalk Assessments

Outstanding January 1, 1953	324.84	
Commitments	879.00	
	<hr/>	1,203.84
Payments to the Treasurer	1,011.40	
Added to Taxes 1953	192.44	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
	<hr/>	1,203.84

Unapportioned Sewer and Surface Drainage Assessments

Outstanding January 1, 1953	3,463.45	
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	693.00	
Commitments	28,560.25	
Refunds	97.37	
	<hr/>	32,814.07
Payments to the Treasurer	9,950.81	
Abatements	2,187.96	
Added to taxes in 1953	1,329.95	
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	118.48	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	19,226.87	
	<hr/>	32,814.07

Unapportioned Sewer Added to 1952 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding January 1, 1953		4,233.27
Payments to the Treasurer	2,919.98	
Abatements	1,101.29	
Tax Titles	25.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	187.00	
	<hr/>	4,233.27

Unapportioned Sidewalk Added to 1952 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding January 1, 1953		200.00
Payments to the Treasurer	200.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
	<hr/>	200.00

Apportioned Sewer Added to 1953 Real Estate Taxes

Commitment		187.97
Payments to the Treasurer	169.10	
Abatements	18.87	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
	<hr/>	187.97

Apportioned Sidewalk Added to 1953 Real Estate Taxes

Commitment		25.38
Payments to the Treasurer	25.38	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
	<hr/>	25.38

Committed Interest on 1952 Assessments

Outstanding January 1, 1953		131.22
Payments to the Treasurer	96.50	
Abatement	26.86	
Tax Title .....	.75	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	7.11	
	<hr/>	131.22

Committed Interest on 1953 Assessments

Committed Interest		85.62
Payments to the Treasurer		85.62

Apportioned Sewer Paid in Advance

Commitment		323.00
Payments to the Treasurer		323.00

Apportioned Sidewalk Paid in Advance

Commitment		93.38
Payments to the Treasurer		93.38

DEPARTMENTAL BILLS

Highway

Outstanding January 1, 1953	13.00	
Commitments	87.00	
	<hr/>	100.00
Payments to the Treasurer	100.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
	<hr/>	100.00

School

Outstanding January 1, 1953	368.66	
Commitments	1,271.00	
	<hr/>	1,639.66
Payments to the Treasurer	1,169.05	

Outstanding December 31, 1953	470.61	
	<hr/>	1,639.66

Welfare — Accounts Receivables

Commitments		8,491.39
Payments to the Treasurer	8,471.19	
Abatements	20.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
	<hr/>	8,491.39

Aid to Dependent Children — State

Outstanding January 1, 1953	1,948.77	
Commitment	5,668.96	
	<hr/>	7,617.73
Payments to the Treasurer	5,913.29	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	1,704.44	
	<hr/>	7,617.73

Old Age Assistance — State

Commitment		33,697.59
Payments to the Treasurer		33,697.59

Old Age Assistance — Cities and Towns

Outstanding January 1, 1953	2,626.20	
Commitment	2,794.02	
	<hr/>	5,420.22
Payments to the Treasurer	5,318.36	
Abatements	101.86	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
	<hr/>	5,420.22

Disability Assistance — State

Commitment		661.59
Payment to the Treasurer		661.59

Disability Assistance Administration — State

Outstanding January 1, 1953	17.38	
Commitment	107.81	
	<hr/>	125.19
Payments to the Treasurer	125.19	
Outstanding December 31, 1953 .....	.00	
	<hr/>	125.19

Old Age Assistance From Individual

Commitment	596.61
Outstanding December 31, 1953	596.61

Sewer Connections

Sewer Connections Committed	8,080.00	
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	80.00	
Refunds	100.00	
	<hr/>	8,260.00
Payments to the Treasurer	8,160.00	
Abatements	100.00	
	<hr/>	8,260.00

Sewer — Accounts Receivables

Outstanding January 1, 1953	17.84	
Commitments	456.86	
	<hr/>	474.70
Payments to the Treasurer	169.37	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	305.33	
	<hr/>	474.70

Water Connections

Water Connections Committed	5,200.00	
Refunds	50.00	
	<hr/>	5,250.00
Payments to the Treasurer	5,200.00	
Abatements	50.00	
	<hr/>	5,250.00

Water Rents

Outstanding January 1, 1953	9,101.73	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1953	1,214.65	
Commitments	79,385.89	
	<hr/>	89,702.27
Payments to the Treasurer	77,766.92	
Abatements	30.78	
Cash on Hand December 31, 1953	476.94	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	11,427.63	
	<hr/>	89,702.27

Water Connection Guarantee Deposits		
Deposits on Hand January 1, 1953	100.00	
Deposits Collected	1,900.00	
	<hr/>	2,000.00
Transfers from Deposits	1,580.20	
Refunds	369.80	
Deposits on Hand December 31, 1935	50.00	
	<hr/>	2,000.00

Water Miscellaneous — Accounts Receivables		
Outstanding January 1, 1953	566.55	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1953	104.45	
Commitments	6,456.85	
Refunds	7.00	
	<hr/>	7,134.85
Payments to the Treasurer	4,826.09	
Abatements	7.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 1953	33.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	2,268.76	
	<hr/>	7,134.85

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. FERRANTI
Town Collector

Assessor's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

On August 11, 1953, the Town of Agawam lost a faithful official in the passing of Adolphus Provost, for twenty-nine years a member of the Board of Assessors. His loss is felt deeply and his years of faithful service will long be remembered by those with whom he was associated.

The following is the report of the Board of Assessors for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Number of Horses Assessed	55
Number of Cows Assessed	392
Number of Sheep Assessed	1
Number of Neat Cattle Assessed	166
Number of Swine Assessed	403
Number of Fowls Assessed	12,886

Total Number of Livestock As- sessed	13,903
Value of Asses'd Stock in Trade \$	101,685.00
Value of Assessed Machinery	1,217,755.00
Value of Assessed Livestock	68,765.00
Value of All Other Tangible Property Assessed	428,420.00

Total Value of All Personal Property Assessed	\$ 1,816,625.00
Number of Dwelling Houses As- sessed	3,180
No. of Acres of Land Assessed	12,152
No. of Motor Vehicle and Trail- ers Assessed	4,525
No. of 1952 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed January 21, 1953	303

No. of 1952 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 11, 1953	102
Value of Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed	\$ 2,075,940.00
Value of 1952 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed January 21, 1953	144,340.00
Value of 1952 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 11, 1953	329,770.00
Excise Tax Assessed on Motor Vehicles and Trailers	96,435.71
Excise Tax Assessed on 1952 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed January 21, 1953	4,115.66
Excise Tax Assessed on 1952 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 11, 1953	4,718.97

VALUATIONS

Value of Buildings Assessed	\$13,361,092.00
Value of Land Assessed	2,848,528.00
Total Value of Real Estate	\$16,209,620.00
Value of Personal Estate	1,816,625.00

Total Value of All Assessed Estate	\$18,026,245.00
(upon which taxes have been levied as follows)	
County Tax	\$ 23,162.21
Tuberculosis Hosp. Assesment	1,647.35
State Audit	1,479.01
1952 Under Estimate	211.14
State Parks and Reservations	962.22
1952 Under Estimate	105.87
Town Appropriation	1,388,941.06
Overlay of Current Year	40,573.62
	<hr/> \$ 1,457,082.48

LESS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$ 89,400.67
Corporation Taxes	41,381.57

Reimbursement on Account of Publicly Owned Land	7,473.92
Old Age Tax (Meals) C.64B, S.10	1,453.65
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	61,600.00
Licenses	8,000.00
Fines	1,200.00
Special Assessments	10,000.00
General Government	3,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property	300.00
Health and Sanitation	6,000.00
Charities	6,500.00
Old Age Assistance	17,000.00
Veteran's Benefits	1,600.00
Schools	8,000.00
Libraries	100.00
Recreation	200.00
Public Service Enterprises (Water Dept., Etc.)	57,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	1,000.00
State Assistance for School Construction C.645 Acts of 1948	7,500.00
In Lieu of Tax's (City of Spfld.)	1,800.00
Dog Licenses	1,800.00

Total Estimated Receipts \$ 332,309.81

1952 Over Estimates

County Tax	\$ 144.39
Tuberculosis Hosp. Assessm't	317.36

Amounts Voted from Available Funds

June 2, 1952	\$ 8,683.99		
Sept. 15, 1952	23,114.67		
Dec. 8, 1952	29,487.23		
Mar. 7, 1953	219,350.00		
Mar. 7, 1953	25,000.00	\$ 305,635.89	\$ 638,407.45

Amount to be raised by taxation \$ 818,675.03

Number of Polls 3,747 @ \$2.00 \$ 7,494.00

Value of Personal Property			
\$1,816,625.00 @ \$45.00	81,748.13		
Value of Real Estate			
\$16,209,620.00 @ \$45.00	729,432.90		
		\$	818,675.03
Omitted Polls Assessed 11 @			
\$2.00	\$	22.00 \$	22.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS P. CLEARY
WILLIAM M. BARDWELL
Board of Assessors

Town Clerk's Report

According to the foregoing warrant voters assembled in their polling places on February 16, 1953.

Report of the Precinct Officers:

	Precincts					
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Box registered at opening	000	000	000	000	000	000
Box registered at closing	907	741	614	880	765	1542
No. of ballots found in box	907	741	614	880	765	1542
No. checked on lists	907	741	614	880	765	1542

RESULTS OF COUNTING BALLOTS

MODERATOR for one year

George W. Porter, Republican

Precinct 1—Two Hundred Ninety-Three	293
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Thirty-One	431
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Eleven	211
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Twelve	512
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Forty-One	441

Total—Eighteen Hundred Eighty-Eight	1888
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Andrew C. Gallano, Democrat

Precinct 1—Five Hundred Eighty-One	581
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Ninety-Four	294
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Eighty	380
Precinct 4—Three Hundred Fifty-Six	356
Precinct 5—Three Hundred Nine	309

Total—Nineteen Hundred Twenty	1920
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Blanks

Precinct 1—Thirty-Three	33
Precinct 2—Sixteen	16
Precinct 3—Twenty-Three	23
Precinct 4—Twelve	12
Precinct 5—Fifteen	15

Total—Ninety-Nine	99
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SELECTMAN AND BOARD OF HEALTH for three years

Frederick C. Emerson, Republican

Precinct 1—Four Hundred Twenty-Six	426
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Eighty	480
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Ninety-Four	294
Precinct 4—Six Hundred Three	603
Precinct 5—Five Hundred Fifteen	515

Total—Twenty Three Hundred Eighteen 2318

Valentine R. Moreno, Democrat

Precinct 1—Four Hundred Sixty-Six	466
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Fifty-Two	252
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Ten	310
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Sixty-Nine	269
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Forty-Five	245

Total—Fifteen Hundred Forty-Two 1542

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Precinct 1—Fifteen	15
Precinct 2—Nine	9
Precinct 3—Ten	10
Precinct 4—Eight	8
Precinct 5—Five	5

Total—Forty Seven 47

ASSESSOR for three years

Adolphus Provost

Precinct 1—Seven Hundred Forty-Five	745
Precinct 2—Six Hundred Thirty-Six	636
Precinct 3—Five Hundred Six	506
Precinct 4—Seven Hundred Sixty-One	761
Precinct 5—Six Hundred Sixty-Three	663

Total—Thirty Three Hundred Eleven 3311

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Precinct 1—One Hundred Sixty-Two	162
Precinct 2—One Hundred Five	105
Precinct 3—One Hundred Eight	108
Precinct 4—One Hundred Nineteen	119

Precinct 5—One Hundred Two	102
Total—Five Hundred Ninety-Six	596

SCHOOL COMMITTEE for three years

Paul J. Adams, Republican

Precinct 1—Three Hundred Sixty-Six	366
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Twenty-Two	422
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Forty-Two	242
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Forty-Three	543
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Seventy-Eight	478

Total—Two Thousand Fifty-One	2051
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Francis M. Collins, Democrat

Precinct 1—Four Hundred Forty-Five	445
Precinct 2—Three Hundred One	301
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Eighty-Nine	289
Precinct 4—Three Hundred Nine	309
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Ninety-Two	292

Total—Sixteen Hundred Thirty-Six	1636
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Francis J. Rosso, Democrat

Precinct 1—Five Hundred Thirteen	513
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Fifty-Six	256
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Twenty-Eight	328
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Ninety-Five	295
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Sixty-Eight	268

Total—Sixteen Hundred Sixty	1660
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Jerry L. Zerra, Republican

Precinct 1—Three Hundred Four	304
Precinct 2—Three Hundred Ninety-Nine	399
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Fifty	250
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Eight	508
Precinct 5—Three Hundred Ninety-Eight	398

Total—Eighteen Hundred Fifty-Nine	1859
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Precinct 1—One Hundred Eighty-Six	186
Precinct 2—One Hundred Four	104

Precinct 3—One Hundred Nineteen	119
Precinct 4—One Hundred Five	105
Precinct 5—Ninety-Four	94
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Total—Six Hundred Eight	608

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE for three years

William W. Brzezinski, Democrat

Precinct 1—Three Hundred Eighty	380
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Twenty-Six	226
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Sixty-Four	264
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Twenty-Six	226
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Eight	208
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Total—Thirteen Hundred Four	1304

Andrew Chriscola, Republican

Precinct 1—Four Hundred Sixty-Three	463
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Ninety-Six	496
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Eighteen	318
Precinct 4—Six Hundred Thirty-Three	633
Precinct 5—Five Hundred Forty-Four	544
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Total—Twenty Four Hundred Fifty-Four	2454

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Precinct 1—Sixty-Four	64
Precinct 2—Nineteen	19
Precinct 3—Thirty-Two	32
Precinct 4—Twenty-One	21
Precinct 5—Thirteen	13
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Total—One Hundred Forty-Nine	149

PLANNING BOARD for five years

Arthur J. Foley, Democrat

Precinct 1—Five Hundred Twenty-Nine	529
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Seventy-Five	275
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Forty	340
Precinct 4—Three Hundred Twelve	312
Precinct 5—Three Hundred Twelve	312
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Total—Seventeen Hundred Sixty-Eight	1768

Clifford D. Pond, Republican	
Precinct 1—Three Hundred Twenty-One	321
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Forty-Seven	447
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Thirty-Nine	239
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Forty-Five	545
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Forty	440
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Total—Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Two	1992

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Precinct 1—Fifty-Seven	57
Precinct 2—Nineteen	19
Precinct 3—Thirty-Five	35
Precinct 4—Twenty-Three	23
Precinct 5—Thirteen	13
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Total—One Hundred Forty-Seven	147

LIBRARY TRUSTEE—for three years

Eva S. Kerr, Republican	
Precinct 1—Six Hundred Fifty-Five	655
Precinct 2—Six Hundred Forty-Five	645
Precinct 3—Four Hundred Ninety-Seven	497
Precinct 4—Seven Hundred Eighty-One	781
Precinct 5—Six Hundred Seventy-One	671
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Total—Thirty Two Hundred Forty-Nine	3249

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Precinct 1—Two Hundred Fifty-Two	252
Precinct 2—Ninety-Six	96
Precinct 3—One Hundred Seventeen	117
Precinct 4—Ninety-Nine	99
Precinct 5—Ninety-Four	94
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Total—Six Hundred Fifty-Eight	658

WATER COMMISSIONER for three years

Lawrence Menard, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Four Hundred Eighty-Two	482
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Sixty-Five	265
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Sixty-Four	264
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Ninety-Nine	299

Precinct 5—Three Hundred Three	303
Total—Sixteen Hundred Thirteen	1613

Louis Mercadante, Republican

Precinct 1—Three Hundred Eighty-One	381
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Fifty-Eight	458
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Thirty-Three	333
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Fifty Seven	557
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Fifty-Three	453
Total—Twenty One Hundred Eighty-Two	2182

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Precinct 1—Forty-Four	44
Precinct 2—Eighteen	18
Precinct 3—Seventeen	17
Precinct 4—Twenty-Four	24
Precinct 5—Nine	9
Total—One Hundred Twelve	112

TRUSTEES OF WHITING STREET FUND for two years

Homer C. Allen, Republican

Precinct 1—Three Hundred Twenty-Six	326
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Sixty-Three	463
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Twenty-Nine	229
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Fifty-Five	555
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Ninety-Two	492
Total—Two Thousand Sixty-Five	2065

Ted E. Dynia, Democrat

Precinct 1—Four Hundred Seventy-Five	475
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Forty-Six	246
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Twenty-Three	323
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Eighty-Seven	287
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Forty-Two	242
Total—Fifteen Hundred Seventy-Three	1573

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Precinct 1—One Hundred Six	106
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Precinct 2—Thirty-Two	32
Precinct 3—Sixty-Two	62
Precinct 4—Thirty-Eight	38
Precinct 5—Thirty-One	31

Total—Two Hundred Sixty-Nine	269
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONER—for three years

G. Arthur Armstrong, Republican

Precinct 1—Three Hundred Seventy-Three	373
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Sixty	460
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Sixty-One	261
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Eighty-Two	582
Precinct 5—Five Hundred Eight	508

Total—Twenty One Hundred Eighty-Four	2184
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Francis E. LaRock, Democrat

Precinct 1—Four Hundred Sixty	460
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Fifty-Two	252
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Eleven	311
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Sixty-Four	264
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Thirty-Two	232

Total—Fifteen Hundred Nineteen	1519
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Precinct 1—Seventy-Four	74
Precinct 2—Twenty-Nine	29
Precinct 3—Forty-Two	42
Precinct 4—Thirty-Four	34
Precinct 5—Twenty-Five	25

Total—Two Hundred Four	204
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TREE WARDEN for one year

Elmer Cascio, Republican

Precinct 1—Three Hundred Sixty-Two	362
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Seventy-Four	474
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Forty-Five	245
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Ninety-Eight	598
Precinct 5—Five Hundred Thirty	530

Total—Twenty Two Hundred Nine	2209
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Dominick J. Ricco, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Four Hundred Eighty-Five	485
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Forty-One	241
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Twenty-Nine	329
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Fifty-Eight	258
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Nineteen	219
Total—Fifteen Hundred Thirty-Two	1532

Daniel DiDonato	
Precinct 5—Two	2

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Precinct 1—Sixty	60
Precinct 2—Twenty Six	26
Precinct 3—Forty	40
Precinct 4—Twenty-Four	24
Precinct 5—Fourteen	14
Total—One Hundred Sixty-Four	164

PARKS AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION for three years

Frank Kinsley, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Five Hundred Forty-Three	543
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Ninety	290
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Forty-Three	343
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Ninety-Seven	297
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Fifty-Six	256
Total—Seventeen Hundred Twenty-Nine	1729

Charles C. Mitchell, Republican	
Precinct 1—Two Hundred Seventy-Three	273
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Sixteen	416
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Sixteen	216
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Forty-Nine	549
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Seventy-Eight	478
Total—Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Two	1932

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Precinct 1—Ninety-One	91
Precinct 2—Thirty-Five	35

Precinct 3—Fifty-Five	55
Precinct 4—Thirty-Four	34
Precinct 5—Thirty-One	31
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Total—Two Hundred Forty-Six	246

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY for five years

Jules K. DeForge, Democrat

Precinct 1—Six Hundred Twelve	612
Precinct 2—Three Hundred Thirteen	313
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Eighty-Nine	389
Precinct 4—Three Hundred Forty-Four	344
Precinct 5—Three Hundred Five	305
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Total—Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Three	1963

Walter C. Ruckstuhl, Republican

Precinct 1—Two Hundred Forty-Seven	247
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Three	403
Precinct 3—One Hundred Eighty	180
Precinct 4—Four Hundred Ninety-Eight	498
Precinct 5—Three Hundred Five	305
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Total—Seventeen Hundred Fifty-Five	1755

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Precinct 1—Forty-Eight	48
Precinct 2—Twenty-Five	25
Precinct 3—Forty-Five	45
Precinct 4—Thirty-Eight	38
Precinct 5—Thirty-Three	33
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Total—One Hundred Eighty-Nine	189

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY for three years

James H. Chandler, Jr.

Precinct 1—Three Hundred Fourteen	314
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Forty-Three	443
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Fifty	250
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Thirty-Six	536
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Fifty-Three	453
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Total—Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Six	1996

John M. Morin, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Five Hundred Two	502
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Sixty-Two	262
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Six	306
Precinct 4—Three Hundred Three	303
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Seventy-Seven	277
Total—Sixteen Hundred Fifty	1650

Blanks	
Precinct 1—Ninety-One	91
Precinct 2—Thirty-Six	36
Precinct 3—Fifty-Eight	58
Precinct 4—Forty-One	41
Precinct 5—Thirty-Five	35
Total—Two Hundred Sixty-One	261

CONSTABLES for one year

Walter A. Balboni, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Five Hundred Seventy-Four	574
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Fifty-Eight	258
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Thirty-One	331
Precinct 4—Three Hundred Fourteen	314
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Sixty-Two	262
Total—Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Nine	1739

Dudley K. Bodurtha, Republican	
Precinct 1—Three Hundred Thirty-Nine	339
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Fifty-Six	456
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Ninety-One	291
Precinct 4—Six Hundred Twenty-Eight	628
Precinct 5—Five Hundred Thirty-Five	535
Total—Twenty Two Hundred Sixty-One	2261

Frankie H. Campbell, Republican	
Precinct 1—Three Hundred Twenty-Nine	329
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Seventy-Two	472
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Sixty-Three	263
Precinct 4—Six Hundred Two	602

Precinct 5—Five Hundred Thirty-Five	535
Total—Twenty Two Hundred One	2201
Steven Charles Carlisto, Republican	
Precinct 1—Three Hundred Sixty	360
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Forty-Five	445
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Twenty-Two	322
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Thirty-Four	534
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Seventy-Three	473
Total—Twenty One Hundred Thirty-Four	2134
Ashley R. Cooley, Jr., Republican	
Precinct 1—Two Hundred Eighty-Two	282
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Forty-Three	443
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Twenty-Two	222
Precinct 4—Four Hundred Ninety-One	491
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Fifty-Six	456
Total—Eighteen Hundred Ninety-Four	1894
Jasper P. DeForge	
Precinct 1—Six Hundred Thirty-One	631
Precinct 2—Three Hundred Fifty-Two	352
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Ninety-Six	396
Precinct 4—Four Hundred Forty-Four	444
Precinct 5—Three Hundred Forty-Four	344
Total—Twenty One Hundred Sixty-Seven	2167
Augustus J. Demars, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Five Hundred Twenty-Two	522
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Forty-One	241
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Seventy-Two	272
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Seventy-Eight	278
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Forty-Five	245
Total—Fifteen Hundred Fifty-Eight	1558
Daniel DiDonato, Republican	
Precinct 1—Three Hundred Ninety-Eight	398
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Ninety-One	491
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Ninety-Three	393

Precinct 4—Five Hundred Fifty-Four	554
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Ninety-Four	494
Total—Twenty Three Hundred Thirty	2330
Charles E. Fazio, Republican	
Precinct 1—Two Hundred Twenty-Nine	229
Precinct 2—Three Hundred Forty-One	341
Precinct 3—One Hundred Eighty-Seven	187
Precinct 4—Four Hundred Seventy-Nine	479
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Thirty-Two	432
Total—Sixteen Hundred Sixty-Eight	1668
Frank A. Grasso, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Four Hundred Thirty-Eight	438
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Fifty	250
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Forty-Four	344
Precinct 4—Three Hundred Three	303
Precinct 5—Three Hundred Thirteen	313
Total—Sixteen Hundred Forty-Seven	1647
Alvin R. Kellogg, Republican	
Precinct 1—Two Hundred Ninety-Three	293
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Eighty-Eight	488
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Forty-Six	246
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Forty	540
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Thirty-Seven	437
Total—Two Thousand Four	2004
Leo Angelo Loncrini, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Five Hundred Four	504
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Twenty-Three	223
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Eighty-Eight	288
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Forty-Nine	249
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Twenty-Six	226
Total—Fourteen Hundred Ninety	1490
Horace A. Marotte, Jr., Republican	
Precinct 1—Three Hundred Sixteen	316
Precinct 2—Three Hundred Ninety-Three	393
Precinct 3—One Hundred Ninety-Eight	198

Precinct 4—Four Hundred Sixty-Two	462
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Twenty-Two	422
Total—Seventeen Hundred Ninety-One	1791
Homer J. Paro, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Five Hundred Twenty	520
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Seventy-Two	272
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Twenty-Two	322
Precinct 4—Two Hundred Ninety-Five	295
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Sixty-Nine	269
Total—Sixteen Hundred Seventy-Eight	1678
Victor P. Ramah, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Three Hundred Ninety-Eight	398
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Seventy-One	271
Precinct 3—Three Hundred Twelve	312
Precinct 4—Three Hundred Eighteen	318
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Sixty-One	261
Total—Fifteen Hundred Sixty-Eight	1568
Charles M. Robinson, Republican	
Precinct 1—Two Hundred Sixty-Three	263
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Eight	408
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Seventeen	217
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Sixty-Nine	569
Precinct 5—Five Hundred Seven	507
Total—Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Four	1964
George H. Talmadge, Republican	
Precinct 1 Four Hundred Five	405
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Eighty-Three	483
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Ninety-One	291
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Nineteen	519
Precinct 5—Four Hundred Eighty-Six	486
Total—Twenty One Hundred Eighty-Four	2184
George Tratiak, Democrat	
Precinct 1—Three Hundred Eighteen	318
Precinct 2—Two Hundred Fourteen	214
Precinct 3—Two Hundred Twenty-Nine	229

Precinct 4—Two Hundred Forty-Eight	248
Precinct 5—Two Hundred Fourteen	214

Total—Twelve Hundred Twenty-Three	1223
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Precinct 1—Nineteen Hundred Fifty-One	1951
Precinct 2—Nine Hundred Eight	908
Precinct 3—One Thousand Sixteen	1016
Precinct 4—Nine Hundred Seventy-Three	973
Precinct 5—Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven	727

Total—Fifty Five Hundred Seventy-Five	5575
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QUESTION NO. 1

Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 31, Section 48, General Laws, relative to making the regular or permanent members of the fire forces of this Town subject to the laws and rules of the civil service?

Yes

Precinct 1—Six Hundred Thirty-Eight	638
Precinct 2—Four Hundred Fifty-Eight	458
Precinct 3—Four Hundred Seventeen	417
Precinct 4—Five Hundred Ninety-Six	596
Precinct 5—Five Hundred Twelve	512

Total—Twenty Six Hundred Twenty-One	2621
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No

Precinct 1—Sixty Seven	67
Precinct 2—One Hundred Nine	109
Precinct 3—Fifty-One	51
Precinct 4—One Hundred Thirty	130
Precinct 5—Eighty-Three	83

Total—Four Hundred Forty	440
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Precinct 1—Two Hundred Two	202
Precinct 2—One Hundred Seventy-Four	174
Precinct 3—One Hundred Forty-Six	146
Precinct 4—One Hundred Fifty-Four	154
Precinct 5—One Hundred Seventy	170

Total—Eight Hundred Forty-Six	846
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Report of the Police Department

Roster

CHIEF

Roland C. Reed

SERGEANTS

R. Kenneth Grady

Stanley L. Rhodes

PATROLMEN

John J. Chriscolo

Henry C. Earle

Romeo H. Borgatti

Raymond DeForge

Louis R. Tatro

Donald E. Conkey

Douglas F. Carr

Edmund F. Kalinowski

Edward E. Harpin

Edward G. Borgatti

Howard R. Minor

Henry A. Drewnowski

William C. Colson

YEARLY REPORT FOR 1953

Arrests:

1. Against Person	10
2. Against Property	19
3. Against Public Order, etc.	678

Total number of arrests	707
Convictions	641
Not Guilty or Dismissed	22
Pending	24
Turned over to other Police	20

Total	707
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Total amount of Fines to Town \$ 671.00

Total amount of Fines to State or

County 4,219.00

Total amount of Fines \$ 4,890.00

Total value of Property Recovered \$ 11,628.95

Cases transported in Ambulance 146

Medical cases transported in Cruiser 71

Missing persons found and returned 10

Homes reported and checked 203

Daily check of business establishments 98

Buildings found unlocked and secured	132
Summons served for other departments	472
Reported to Registry for action on license	70
Warnings:	
Verbal	452
Written	281
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Total number of warnings	733
Dog complaints	206

The year of 1953 was an active year for the Agawam Police Department in the fulfillment of its duties in behalf of the people of our town. A sustained program of crime prevention and public safety has proven very valuable in enabling us to have another year with a high safety record and a low crime rate as indicated in the details of this report.

Despite the fact that the Town of Agawam has had a sizable increase in population over the past few years, there was a decrease in total arrests made in 1953. There were 74 less arrests than in 1952. This reduction is due largely to the efforts of our crime prevention program.

The largest single classification of arrests made during the year, naturally continued to be for automobile violations. However, the rate of arrests during the year, per car population, did not increase. This is probably due to more vigilant patrolling of the highways, and safety education.

The members of the Police Department take pride in their crime prevention work. Although this important work of preventing crime receives little public recognition, it is of extreme value to both our citizenry and the many large and small business interests in our town.

As part of our crime prevention work during last year, there were 203 homes checked at various vacation periods at the request of home owners. In the past year there were 132 doors or windows in business establishments which were found opened, and were secured by police officers.

The ambulance service provided by your Police Department was utilized in 146 cases during the past year. In addition, there were 71 medical cases which were transported in police cruisers. An important addition to our ambulance service was provided by the Agawam Post of the American Legion

last year. Through them the ambulance was equipped with a three-way radio unit, from which all the citizens of the town are benefited.

It is with pride that we report that there were no fatal automobile accidents in the Town of Agawam during 1953. Also, there was a decrease in pedestrian accidents from nine in 1952 to only five in 1953. Total personal injuries for the past year showed a reduction of 14 less than in the previous year.

The Agawam Public Safety League was established during the early part of last year. This was an entirely new type of a program to further our interests in crime prevention and public safety. This program has since received national recognition and has proven very beneficial to our citizens. The entire cost of this program was undertaken as a community service by the Springfield National Bank.

The program consists of courtesy warning cards for minor automobile parking violations, warnings against ignition keys being left in cars, and other aspects involving crime prevention. The most important part concerned the bicycle safety program. To date more than 300 bicycles have been officially registered with the Police Department, and have been equipped with safety Scotch-lite. The results of this Agawam Public Safety League have been very beneficial. Only one child was injured in a bicycle accident during 1953, as against several such cases in preceding years.

During the spring of 1954, the bicycle registration and safety program will again be carried out in the various sections of town for the children who have not yet joined this safety league.

It is expected that during the year of 1954 your Police Department will be required to assume additional duties and clerical work. This is due in a large part, to the new point system or so-called "No fix tickets," in use throughout the State of Massachusetts. This system imposes a great amount of detail and clerical work upon all local police departments, as all motor vehicle violations and property damage, as well as personal injury accident reports must, by statute, be immediately reported with considerable detail, to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. In addition to these extra time consuming reports of

numerous violations, there were necessary changes in our department filing system which had to be made.

Due to the construction of the new South End Bridge and its approaches, a large volume of traffic is now being diverted through Agawam. This, too, means additional patrolling and other police activities.

In addition, Agawam is still growing in population and increasing its business establishments. It is only natural that your Police Department must keep pace with the progress and growth of the town if Agawam is to retain its enviable reputation.

As Chief of the Department, I express my fullest appreciation to the entire force. Their abilities and their loyal performance to arduous duties are to be commended.

To the Selectmen, I again express my sincere thanks for their whole-hearted cooperation.

To our citizens, we will strive to merit your continued confidence in us. Guarding your property and welfare is our privileged duty, and we will expend all efforts to continue to make Agawam a good community in which to work, live and play.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND C. REED

Chief of Police

Report of the Building Inspector

January 6, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Building Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1953.

153	Dwellings	\$1,038,609
88	Garages	54,300
79	Alterations & Additions	68,442
33	New Businesses	339,085
18	Miscellaneous	5,764
22	Demolitions	
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393		\$1,506,200

Comparing the above information with last year's record it is interesting to note the following:

1. There were 28 fewer permits issued in 1953 than in 1952.
2. There were 31 fewer permits for dwellings than in 1952.
3. The number of new garages continues to increase, with 12 more permits issued in 1953 than in 1952.
4. The total value of permits, however, dropped only \$143,181.

New business is constantly locating in Agawam and this year shows an increase of 18 permits issued over last year's figure. Several of the more prominent permits were issued to Turcotte Mfg. Co., and the National Gage & Die Inc., both at the Ramah Development off Springfield Street; Northeastern Gas Transmission Co. on Suffield Street; Stacy Machine Works Inc. added additions larger than the original plant; Tinti Food Products, Inc., on the former Caldon tract, Main Street. New business accounted for 22% of the total permit values.

A recommendation of last year has become a reality and the building code is now under revision by a committee ap-

pointed by the Selectmen. Their report will be found elsewhere in this book.

The work of the Building Inspector continues to increase since he is also the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Many infractions of the Zoning By-laws have been reported and investigated. As recommended by Mr. Reynolds last year, a full time inspector with proper qualifications would seem to be a wise investment for the town.

Mr. George Reynolds served as Building Inspector for the first six months of this year and I have served as his part-time associate until the time of his resignation when I was appointed to fill out his unexpired term. It has been a pleasure to serve you and the co-operation of all concerned in my work has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON E. TREVALLION

Building Inspector

Report of the Electrical Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit this annual report as Electrical Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1953.

INSPECTIONS

Dwellings	612
Industrial and Commercial	122
Garages	88
Alterations	86
Service entrance changes	66
Oil Burners	204
Water heater conversions	39
Electric ranges	176
Electric clothes dryers	16
Total	1409

The above is a partial summary of the activities of this department. I have attended many out of state meetings of the International Electrical Inspectors' Association, including the National Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, in September. This was at considerable expense to myself, due to the fact that out of state expenses are not included in my budget. However, it was most helpful to attend these sessions and to exchange opinions and experiences with Inspectors from all parts of the country.

Although the number of permits to build were fewer during 1953 than those issued in 1952, industrial and commercial permits were doubled. These installations are of heavier power and lighting demands, and necessitated more attention than the per average permit.

I wish to express my thanks to the Townspeople of Aga-

wam and to all who helped to make the year 1953 one of gratification and accomplishment.

Respectfully submitted,

O. WILLIAM ANDERSON

Electrical Inspector

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

December 31, 1953

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1953.

DEVICES SEALED

Devices	Adj.	Sealed	Not Sealed	Cond.
Scales, 5,000 lbs.		1		
100 to 5,000 lbs.	21	35	2	1
Scales and balances under 100 lbs.	45	81		
Weights, each		143		
Vehicle tanks		11		
Meter inlet one inch or less, gasoline	1	39		
Oil, grease		22		
Yard sticks		2		
One gallon or over		30		
Cloth device		2		
Wire rope, cordage		2		
Kerosene, oil grease		5		
	67	373	2	1

Sealing fees, \$199.75.

Trial weighings and measures of commodities sold or put up for sale.

	Tested	Cor.	Under	Over
Beans	114	100	8	6
Bread	196	141	21	34
Butter	448	336	60	52
Confectionery	150	141	2	7
Dry commodities	136	67	65	4
Flour	29	27	2	0
Fruits and Vegetables	92	74	13	5
Lard	104	82	11	11
Liquid commodities	3	3	0	0
Meats and provisions	255	191	36	28

Potatoes	308	146	100	62
Hay	36	26	3	7
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	1871	1334	321	216

Summary of Inspections

Peddlers Licenses	22
Gas Pumps	22
Bread	97
Food Packages	159
Wholesale Milk Cans	127
Clinical Thermometers (oral)	55
Clinical Thermometers (rectal)	79
Peddlers Scales	7
Junk Scales	11
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Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. DRAGHETTI
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of the Trustees For County Aid to Agriculture

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Trustees are grateful for the support given their agents during the year by the following local citizens who have, without pay, assisted in carrying out various projects in farm practices, home management and work with boys and girls in 4-H club work:

Miss Cynthia Allen, Mrs. Robert C. Allen, Charles Baker, Miss Elizabeth Behrens, Mrs. Fred Behrens, John Bellows, Mrs. George Blood, Mrs. Arlene A. Brown, Raymond Casella, Mrs. Frank Crichton, Mrs. Emma Cross, Ralph D'Amato, Mrs. Alice Dean, Feeding Hills Congregational Church, Ernest Freeman, Mrs. Ernest R. Hall, Gary Hinshaw, Mrs. J. R. Hyland, Mrs. R. P. Jenney, Mrs. E. A. Johnson, Shirley Lauritsen, Mrs. Stanley Lipski, Mrs. C. B. Longley, Mrs. Alfred Martel, treasurer, Captain Leonard House.

Any appropriation made by the town to the Trustees is held by the County Treasurer and used exclusively for reimbursing any local resident of the town for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the law under which the Trustees are appointed. The above local voluntary leaders expended during the year for either travel, meals or demonstration supplies the sum of \$131.08.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1953 Appropriation	\$100.00
1952 Unexpended Balance	70.69
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Total Available for 1953	170.69
Total Expenditure in 1953	131.08
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1954 Balance Available	39.61
1954 Recommended Appropriation	150.00

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

By: Albert H. Fuller, Clerk

Report of the Plumbing Inspector

January 6, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Agawam:

During the year of 1953 your plumbing inspector made 928 inspections on new homes, alterations, sewer entrances, septic tanks, heaters and safety valves. This figure is a decrease of about 33% under last year's figure and is due largely to the fewer number of large sub-division developments.

I have been informed of one or two sub-division developments which are contemplated for 1954. These new homes will mean the possibility of a continued high level of plumbing installations.

My recommendation of last year that we revise our out-moded plumbing code was accepted and the new code will be ready for a presentation of acceptance at the Annual Town Meeting in March. This code will be legally advertised in full in the newspapers previous to the Town Meeting date. This new code will mean greater safety and more economy for the home owner.

As your Plumbing Inspector, I would at this time, like to express my appreciation for the co-operation shown me by all the plumbers and owners of buildings and homes. I am now working in co-operation with the Health Agent, Francis Murphy, and together we will work to make the Town of Agawam a clean, healthy place to live and be a credit to all.

It has been a pleasure to serve you. Your suggestions, help and advice are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. DESMARAIS
Plumbing Inspector

Report of the Animal Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my animal report as Animal Inspector for the year 1953:

Barns Inspected	64
Number of Cows	481
Number of Calves	237
Number of Bulls	28
Number of Steers	34
Number of Horses	28
Number of Swine	1015
Number of Sheep	56
Number of Goats	8
Cattle shipped into town (ear tags)	49
Dog bites	62

Again, in my annual coverage of the Town, I found barns and animals in a very clean and sanitary state.

There were an increasing number of dog bite cases this year which were carefully checked and quarantined. I caution all townspeople to report all cases of being bitten by a dog, although there has not been a case of Rabies in this section for several years, there has been an alarming rise of this dread disease in other States, especially New York and the southern States.

I have tried to co-operate fully with our new Health Agent, Mr. Francis Murphy, and believe that with the help of all, he can keep disease at a minimum in our Town.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD T. WILSON

Animal Inspector

Report of the Highway Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the Highway Department for the year ending December 31, 1953:

The patching of streets has been reduced considerably due to the more extensive resurfacing and the surface drainage program. This will allow more time to be spent on shoulder work and brush control. More of this work has been done than in former years. Spraying will help control brush in the coming year.

Liquid dust layer was used on twenty of the unpaved streets.

A number of old and worn out culverts have been replaced with larger culverts which have been treated to prevent rust and corrosion.

New signs and concrete guard posts have been erected at numerous locations. We are also in the process of posting private ways and dead end streets.

More streets were resurfaced this year than formerly, with more stone cover being used. A roller would help us to enlarge on this program as they are not available at all times, and therefore we have to rely on sand cover when we would rather use stone.

The following forty-three streets were treated with either tar or asphalt during the year under the Maintenance Oiling appropriation: Alfred, Alfred Circle, Alfred Court, Annable, Anthony, Belvedere, Brookline, Central, Charles, Church, Cleveland, Cooper (part), Corey, Ellington, Elm (part), Federal, Garden, High, Highland Avenue, King, King Avenue, Lealand Avenue, Letendre Avenue, Liberty, Moore (lower part), Mill (part), Mulberry, Norman Terrace, North West, Northwood, Ottawa, Perry Lane (part), Poplar, Rowley (part),

Silver, South (part), South Park Terrace (south), Spring, Springfield (Bridge to Walnut), Tower Terrace, Valentine, Williams, and Wilson.

There were fifteen streets gravelled and surfaced under New Oiling. Two others have been gravelled and will be surfaced in the spring. The following were surfaced: Albert (part), Barney, Dyotte, Edward (part), Gale, Hall, Ley, Lincoln, Mooreland, Pierce, Portland, Spencer, South Park Terrace (north), Warren, and Witheridge.

The following streets were resurfaced with asphalt and stone and rolled under the Chapter 90 Maintenance program: Elm (part), North Westfield (1.1 miles), Shoemaker Lane (1.5 miles), Suffield (8,000 feet). Four hundred feet of road was also rebuilt on Shoemaker Lane at the old railroad crossing.

Work orders for one hundred new sewer services were issued in 1953 and all were completed. Blocked sewers at private homes numbered one hundred and thirty-four. A number of services were replaced to the property line. These were the old clay pipe type and root growth had made it impossible to keep the pipe clear for any length of time.

The rebuilding of Main Street caused extra work and costs which was unexpected at the time the budget was figured. Manholes and sewer mains were installed for future use so that it would not be necessary to break into the new highway. Some of these are already in use. All manholes were adjusted and new frames and covers were used on many of them. Concrete was replaced where needed and repairs made when pipes were broken in the process of construction. Forty feet of pressure pipe and forty-four feet of clay pipe was removed and reset in order to allow the rebuilding of a culvert near Federal Street.

Catch basins and manholes were constructed on numerous streets. Sewer cleaning equipment was purchased under a separate appropriation and has proved to be very satisfactory.

New streets are being added to our rubbish routes which, of course, makes added work. Therefore, it takes more time to complete the collection in certain sections of the Town. A load packer truck would save time and give better service than the open trucks. The dump is being bulldozed by hired equipment.

Snow plowing was not as big a problem as in some years

but the sand and salt program is more extensive. We are using more material and getting out earlier in order to make the highways as safe as possible.

Sidewalk Maintenance consisted of lowering concrete slabs that have heaved mostly from root growth, pouring new concrete where the sidewalk has been badly broken, raising the grade in some of the lower places, and resurfacing some with stone dust. Some of the high joints were smoothed out with colprovia.

I believe the Machinery Fund has enough accumulation of equipment earnings to pay for the new roller we are so badly in need of. We also have a five year old truck which should be replaced.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED B. HOWARD
Highway Superintendent

Report of the Engineering Department

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The report of the Engineering Department for the year 1953 shows more sewer construction having been carried out than ever before accomplished in a single year by contract work. The following sanitary sewers are listed with the total footage of each.

Lincoln Street, 900 feet; Ley Street, 600 feet; Portland Place, 550 feet; Witheridge Street, 450 feet; Dyotte and Warren Streets, 750 feet; North Westfield Street, 746 feet; Silver Street, 1148 feet; Suffield Street, 1000 feet.

Following is a list of the streets upon which storm drainage was constructed: Cooper Street, 1822 feet; Mill Street, 350 feet; Albert Street, 350 feet; Meadow Avenue, 550 feet; Alhambra Circle, 1945 feet.

On Springfield Street, between Rowley Street and Royal Lane, the old sidewalk which was in a deplorable condition, was replaced with a bituminous concrete walk to a grade such as to eliminate the running in of water from the highway. The highway construction of a few years previous had raised the grade such as to cause considerable drainage problems inasmuch as the walk was lower than the road. This has been eliminated by the construction of a berm in conjunction with the sidewalk work.

Other work requiring engineering during the year was the layout and construction of the high school parking lot, and the construction and design of the Water Department meter chamber for the connecting of the Agawam Main Street line directly into the forty-eight inch Springfield Water Works system. This connection will provide for a new source of supply and will eliminate the drain on the Silver Street and Shoemaker Lane areas. It was also necessary to make the taking plans for the high school building site, the Main Street drain case-

ments, and the Meadow Avenue and Alhambra Circle drain casements.

The following streets were laid out and accepted at the annual town meeting: Fairview Street, Meadow Avenue, Lealand Avenue, Grant Street, North Alhambra Circle, South Alhambra Circle, Ley Street, and Woodside Drive.

Considerable time was spent on office work necessary for the making and recording of the betterment assessments which are in effect for all sanitary and storm sewer construction. All betterment assessments for the construction during 1953 have been recorded and bills sent out.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. ALCORN

Town Engineer

Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

The Board and Bureau were both organized early in the year with the same chairman and meetings were called when necessary and all categories of relief were discussed each time.

We were able to increase our staff by the reinstatement of a worker who was formerly employed in our office.

The agent's report will cover the details of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD P. RISING
ANDREW CHRISCOLA
JEREMIAH J. CAVANAUGH

Report of the Veterans' Agent

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Veteran's Agent, Director of Veterans' Services and Veterans' Burial Agent.

Since the Department of Veteran's Services was established in Agawam, there has been a steady gain in the services rendered to our veterans and their dependents. The Department not only gives service to the veteran, but also his dependents, which includes his wife, widow, children under 18 years of age, and the veterans' mother and father.

The greater part of the demand on this department is for financial aid, the nature of which is kept confidential; medical and hospitalization costs continue to mount, although the building of the Soldier's Home has brought some relief on operative and domiciliary cases.

This past year 17 veterans were admitted to the Soldier's Home out-patient care or domiciliary care. Three veterans, with service connected disability, were admitted to the Veteran's Administration hospital in Newington, Conn. Three veterans; six veterans' dependents were admitted to local hospitals. Six veterans, 1 veteran's widow and one veteran's mother died in 1953. Grave markers were furnished by the Town and placed on the veterans' graves. Burial expenses for two were paid by the Town.

Assistance was given the widows and next of kin, in getting any Federal or State benefits they might be entitled to.

It has been the policy of this department, this past year, to publicize veterans' legislation of pertinent interest to veterans of all wars in the local papers.

133 veterans made application for the Korean State Bonus through this office. Photostat copies of their service records were made and placed on file in this office. 144 veterans with

a 10% or more disability, their widows, Gold Star Mothers or holders of the Purple Heart, applied and received the \$2,000. Real Estate abatement.

Cases receiving monetary aid paid entirely from Town appropriations have not been too heavy this past year. They are due to increase as we now have the Korean Veteran and his dependents, who are entitled to the same kind of aid as World War 1 and World War 2.

Again I wish to remind all veterans and their dependents in Town, that this department was created to assist them in solving any problems they may have. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, all department heads, and the veterans of all wars, for their kindness and patience and cooperation in making it possible for this department to function so effectively in 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE C. MILLER

Veterans' Agent

Report of the Agawam Library Trustees

The three librarians in the town have endeavored to serve the public as best they could.

Agawam Center has carried on in the usual manner.

North Agawam has had a large increase in circulation because the library has been open Wednesday afternoons from two to five instead of from three to five. This gives the children who go by bus an opportunity to take books.

Feeding Hills Library was closed five different weeks, three times in October because of lack of heat and twice because Christmas and New Year's came on Friday, the day the library is open.

We hope each year more people will use our libraries.

Feeding Hills

Number of Books	7,896
Borrowers	672
Circulation	5,197

North Agawam

Number of Books	4,582
Borrowers	715
Circulation	10,503

Agawam Center

Number of Books	8,000
Borrowers	750
Circulation	12,845

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA J. McVEIGH
ODETTE Z. BENJAMIN
EVA S. KERR

Report of the Parks & Playground Commissioners

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We are very pleased to be able to report a successful year under the limitations of the budget allowed this department.

We have enclosed the report given to this commission by the Director of Recreation and feel it warrants your attention.

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND DIRECTOR

I would like to commend the following instructors on a job well done for the summer of 1953. Donald Hastings, Mary Pond, Elizabeth Guidi, Robert Mercadante, Arlene Egbert, Joseph Pisano, Judy Hyland, John Beltrandi, and Jeanette Barry, supervisor of Arts and Crafts.

The playground attendance in the town of Agawam has grown so rapidly in the last five years we have had a difficult time in keeping abreast of the growth.

For the summer of 1953, we had a total attendance of 8,618 for the present four playgrounds. The breakdown by playground is as follows:

Phelps, 2,645; Shea's, 1,968; Springfield Street, 2,151; Granger, 1,854; a grand total of 8,618.

This is an increase of over 35% from the year 1952. We also took 553 children to Babb's beach for swimming. This was one of the most popular events of the year for the children.

We continued our Riverside outing trip, with the gracious help of the management at Riverside; who gave the children 4,000 free rides. The Playground Commissioners purchased a meal ticket worth 30c for each child attending. We had 407 children at this event, not including many mothers who attended with their younger children.

We continued our program of Arts and Crafts under the able direction of Miss Barry. Miss Barry went to each playground twice a week for a half day. Here the children paid

a small charge for the materials they used. Many of the articles that the children made were exhibited at the Lions Fair.

We had checker tournaments and various other games at all playgrounds. We tried a softball league for the first time this year. Although running into transportation difficulties, we managed to play two rounds with the Phelps and Springfield Street playgrounds ending in a tie.

There is a definite need for a larger appropriation for the next season. The playground attendance has increased so rapidly with the growth of the town that the present budget does not cover our increased expenditures. This year we received a total appropriation of \$3,980, of which \$250 was for maintenance of Veterans Memorial Park, and \$400 which goes to the winter program. This left us with a sum of \$3,350 to pay salaries, buses, and purchase equipment for the summer. When one takes into consideration that four years ago around 3,000 children attended the summer program and now we have over 8,000, we can easily see why we need more funds. I would also estimate that an increase of 10 to 15% can be expected for next year.

We would have liked to have taken various field trips, such as Westover Field, Spalding Plant, Museum of Fine Arts, and many other places which are educational as well as enjoyable to the children; but we lacked the funds for such a trip.

A thought for the commissioners to think about for the future is that consideration should be given to the North Agawam and Suffield St. sections. At present, North Agawam children have to go to Shea's Field for their activities. The ever growing Suffield St. section has to go to Agawam Center to enjoy any facilities. North Agawam is thickly populated while Suffield Street is growing rapidly.

Taking all facts into consideration we think the children had an enjoyable summer and received maximum enjoyment for each dollar appropriated.

FRANCIS J. ROSSO, Director

Note the reference to the increased attendance and the reasons for same.

Note the omissions of popular trips that are not too expensive and yet, worthwhile.

Again, the reference to the North Agawam area and Reed

Street areas, between lower Suffield Street and Main Street in regard to lack of playground facilities.

We, the commissioners, are in complete accord with this report and now will give our plans for the year 1954 to meet these problems.

A primary age play area at the Danahy School Playground. This for the safety and well being of those children too small to travel to Shea's Field and now missing the chance to take part in a supervised summer program and forced to play on streets now dangerous with automobiles constantly using same.

Part of the present High School Playground should be used for the same purpose and for the same reasons as above. Phelps School, you will agree, is much too far for these small children in the Reed Street area between lower Suffield and Main Street to get to.

We also believe that our present four playgrounds warrant a better supervised level than we have had in the past. Due to the increased attendance and the bigger demands on our personnel in the future, it is our intent to secure trained or personnel in training on a college level for this type of work as our playground supervisors. In the past we have used high school boys and girls.

This, we believe, will result in a better planned and carried out program for our children of the town. It also may be the means of carrying out a "LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM" we think is necessary after the tragedies and near tragedies in this area the past summer.

A winter program of supervised sport activities in place of our present "HANDICRAFT PROGRAM," which has not been too successful.

Feeling the cost per child per week spent amounts to less than 39c and our proposed budget will be less than 80c per child, per week, for 1954, we feel justified in asking for this increase in our expenditures for the youth of Agawam.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. MITCHELL, Chairman
ASHLEY COOLEY, JR., Clerk
SAMUEL PROVO

Report of the Planning Board

January 11, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Agawam Planning Board herewith submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The Board has held twelve regular meetings, one Special Meeting with the Parking Survey Committee appointed by your body, and many on-site meetings for the purpose of inspecting progress of subdivisions and familiarizing the members with land on which zone changes had been proposed.

No new subdivisions were approved but the Board spent considerable time on the two subdivisions in the process of development—namely, Merrell, off River Road, and the Ramah Industrial, both of which have turned out to be well planned, attractive, and worthwhile assets to the Town.

Eleven hearings on proposed zone changes were held in accordance with the law. Three zone changes were approved by Town Meeting vote and also approved by the State Attorney General.

The Board has followed closely the regulations laid down in the past years and outlined in its last year's report in the development of subdivisions with a few additions, always keeping in mind the welfare of the townspeople as a whole.

In its deliberations on zoning problems, the Board has kept in mind the effect of proposed zone changes on the localities involved as brought out in public hearings and also its obligation to encourage the location of new businesses in our town.

The Board invites constructive ideas that will help in its part of making Agawam a better place in which to live and

bring up our families and will welcome your visits to our regular monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN SPRING, Chairman
HENRY W. LAWSON, Clerk
RAYMOND J. DELOGHIA
WILLIAM S. MABB
CLIFFORD D. POND

Agawam Planning Board

Report of the Board of Appeals

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Forty-nine petitions asking variations from the requirements of the Zoning By-laws or the Building Code were filed with the Board during 1953.

Thirty-two meetings were held at which hearings on these petitions were given to the petitioners and other parties deemed interested under the terms of the laws.

Six petitions were withdrawn, seven were denied, and thirty-six were granted. In several cases where the petition was granted the Board included in the decision such restrictions as they considered necessary to protect the best interests of the Town and neighborhood.

Due to the construction of the new bridges there were nine petitions filed requesting permit to remove fill in large quantities. The Board has established a policy which requires the person selling the fill to enter into an agreement with the Town, which agreement contains a provision for the filing of a bond to protect the Town during the removal of the fill and the restoration of the property for the protection of the Town.

We wish once more to remind persons considering the purchase of a building lot or existing buildings to make sure that plans they may have for future use of the property are in compliance with the various By-laws of the Town.

HAROLD C. ATWATER, Chairman
JAMES P. KANE
JAMES H. KERR

Report of the Water Department

To the Citizens of the Town of Agawam:

We respectfully submit for your approval a summary of the activities of the Water Department for the year 1953 and an outline of planned new construction work for the coming year.

WATER CONSUMPTION:

Consumption of water for the year 1953 exceeded all previous figures with a usage of 275,666,200 gallons; or a daily average of approximately 782,600 gallons. The highest day's consumption was recorded at 2,142,300 gallons; the lowest was 477,900 gallons. The town was billed by the City of Springfield for \$29,581.48 for furnishing our water.

REVENUE:

Total income received from all sources during 1953 amounted to \$92,722.94, which represents a little over 15% increase against 1952.

Water Commitments	\$79,385.89
Water Connections and Replacement Services	13,337.05
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	\$92,722.94

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

The following water main extensions were completed this year:

Street	Footage	Main	Hydts.	Cost
Howard St.	400 ft.	6"	1	\$ 1,030.59
Columbus St.	700 ft.	6"	2	1,837.84
Lealand Ave.	800 ft.	6"	2	2,072.52
Hastings St.	800 ft.	6"	2	1,539.29
Wetheridge St.	500 ft.	6"	1	1,173.31
Suffield St.	1600 ft.	8"	3	5,625.14

Grant St.	300 ft.	6"	1	988.50
Colemore St.	500 ft.	8"		*358.01
Re-route Meadow St.	900 ft.	10"		3,319.40

\$17,944.60

*Represents difference in cost between 8" and 6" pipe, the line being laid and paid for by Armand Dubuc, developer, less this amount.

To be reimbursed the town by the State of Mass. \$1,287.56

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION WORK:

Southwick St.	500 ft.	6"	1	1,500.00
Hastings St. Ext.	200 ft.	6"	1	700.00
North St.	400 ft.	8"	1	1,600.00
Fairview Ave.	1200 ft.	6"	2	3,500.00
Oak Hill	500 ft.	6"	1	1,200.00

8,500.00

Hydrant Installations:

Highland St.	2	600.00
Shoemaker Lane	1	300.00
No. West St.	1	300.00
Norris St.	1	300.00

\$10,000.00

The widening and resurfacing of Main Street during the year required the constant attention and service of the Water Department. Hydrant run-outs had to be extended or relocated, house connections in some cases were likewise involved. Whenever it was possible and deemed necessary, new services were installed while excavations were being made during the construction work on the road.

The preparation work for the westerly approaches to the new South End Bridge required the relocation of our water main at the east end of Meadow Street. Since this project was to be financed by the State of Mass., we used the opportunity of such assistance, to install a 10" main instead of a 6" main presently servicing the area, and absorbed the difference in cost of the larger main over the smaller one. It will only be a question of time when a larger main will have to be considered in this section.

Also completed this past year was another metered con-

nection to the Springfield transmission main that crossed Main Street near Meadow Street. This provides all sectors of town with greater capacity and allows additional benefit of available pressure in all areas, even in periods of heavy consumption during the summer months.

The Water Department is sponsoring a separate article in the warrant to provide for the purchase of a piece of excavating equipment, one designed for digging out house service line trenches, and small distribution mains. The digger requested, the Pippin Excavator, will operate as a trencher, a loader and a grader, and does not require a specially trained operator. Such a digger would likewise be available to the Sewer Department for house connection excavating. The cost of this equipment is \$5400.

The Board of Commissioners wishes to take this opportunity to thank the voters and town officials, and the personnel of its own department for the fine cooperation and assistance rendered to them during the year just past.

Respectfully submitted,

DUDLEY K. BODURTHA, Chairman
LOUIS MERCADANTE, Superintendent
EDWARD CONNOR, JR., Clerk

Board of Water Commissioners

Report of the Agawam Housing Authority

January 13, 1954

Board of Selectmen

Agawam, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Agawam Housing Authority, I submit the following report for the year 1953:

The present admission and income limits as set by the State Housing Board are as follows: One minor dependent, \$3,650.00; two minor dependents, \$3,775.00, and three or more minor dependents, \$3,900.00. The continued occupancy limits are \$3,900.00, \$4,025.00 and \$4,150.00 respectively. The average cost of shelter rent for two or three bedroom units (without heat or hot water furnished) is \$44.50 per month. Each unit is furnished with a electric refrigerator and electric range.

As of January 1, 1954, the elected members were Mr. Louis DePalma, Mr. James H. Chandler, Jr., Mr. Jules K. DeForge, Mr. Valentine R. Moreno, state appointee. Mr. Louis Del-Padre submitted his resignation effective December 31, 1953.

Six vacancies during the year were filled from applications on file. During the year the nine buildings of the original 32 units were painted two coats on the outside and nearly all the apartments were painted inside. That is, the downstairs portions only. It is contemplated that the upstairs portions will be done at a later date. At this date the authority is in the process of having eave troughs erected on project 200-1. During 1954 we expect to have door canopies built over the rear entrances of the 32 units in project 200-1.

The Authority has been granted permission by the State Housing Board to pay to the Town of Agawam in lieu of taxes \$3.00 per unit per month. This replaces the old system of paying 5% of the shelter rent and is estimated to be an increase to the Town of \$750.00 per year.

I wish to thank the members of the board and all the tenants for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS DE PALMA

Chairman

Balance Sheet as of September 30, 1953

Project 200-2 (12 Units)

ASSETS

Development Fund	\$ 3,101.37
Administration Fund	4,950.70
Debt Service Fund	116.35
Investment—Debt Service Trust Fund	2,000.00
Debt Service Trust Fund	566.78
Development Costs	\$140,000.00
Less: Developm'nt Cost Liquidation	2,000.00
	<hr/> 138,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/> \$148,735.20

LIABILITIES & DEFICIT

Accounts Payable — 200-1	\$ 370.37
Accounts Payable—Development	3,101.37
	<hr/> \$ 3,471.74
Tenants' Security Deposits	300.00
Accrued Liabilities	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	76.26
Matured Interest & Principal	1,280.00
Insurance	504.27
	<hr/> 1,860.53
Bonds Authorized	140,000.00
Less: Bonds Retired	2,000.00
	<hr/> 138,000.00
Reserves	
Debt Service	612.50
Unamortized Bond Premium	2,566.78
Operating Reserve	2,263.14
	<hr/> 5,442.42
Deficit	339.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES & DEFICIT	<hr/> 148,735.20

**Statement of Income and Expense for the Period Ending
September 30, 1953
Project 200-2 (12 Units)**

INCOME	
Dwelling Rent Schedule	\$ 1,842.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>1,842.00</u>
EXPENSES	
Management Expenses	\$ 158.06
Utilities	327.21
Repairs, Maintenance & Replacements	
Insurance Expense	140.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	76.26
Provision for Operating Reserve	180.00
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	122.50
Debt Service Requirements	1,177.46
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>2,181.49</u>
DEFICIT	<u>339.49</u>

**Balance Sheet as of September 30, 1953
Project 200-1 (32 Units)**

ASSETS	
Administration Fund	\$ 5,061.88
Petty Cash Fund	10.00
	<u>\$ 5,071.88</u>
Accounts Receivable—Tenants	53.00
Accounts Receivable—Sundry (200-2)	370.37
	<u>423.37</u>
Debt Service Fund	8,791.25
Investment-U. S. Treasury Notes	10,000.00
Development Cost	331,000.00
Less: Developm'nt Cost Liquidation	12,000.00
	<u>319,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$343,286.50</u>

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Accounts Payable	\$ 742.86
Tenants' Security Deposits	325.00
Accrued Liabilities	
Insurance	\$ 1,538.73
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	794.91
Matured Interest & Principal	8,791.25
	<hr/> 11,124.89
Bonds Authorized	331,000.00
Less: Bonds Retired	12,000.00
	<hr/> 319,000.00
Reserves	
Debt Service	3,019.38
Working Capital	1,237.72
Operating Reserve	6,138.00
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Surplus	1,698.65
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	\$343,286.50
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Statement of Income and Expense for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 1952 and Ending September 30, 1953 Project 200-1 (32 Units)

INCOME

Dwelling Rent Schedule	\$ 18,673.81
Less: Dwelling Vacancy Loss	56.20
	<hr/> \$ 18,617.61
Miscellaneous Project Income	211.60
Commonwealth Contribution	2,958.66
Contribution Reduction	5,316.34
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TOTAL INCOME	\$ 27,104.21
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EXPENSE

Management Expense	\$ 1,717.88
Operating Services	260.71
Utilities	4,844.32
Repairs, Maintenance & Replacem'ts	1,788.10
Insurance Expense	813.40

Payments in Lieu of Taxes	794.91
Provision for Operating Reserve	320.00
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	1,006.46
Debt Service Requirements	11,582.50
Operating Improvements	2,247.28
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TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 25,405.56
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SURPLUS	1,698.65
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Report of the Personnel Board

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

After the revision of the Personnel By-laws in June, 1952, the administration of this law became a much easier matter. As a consequence, fewer hearings with department heads and the employees were necessary. Harmony became the key-note and uncertainty and dissatisfaction were reduced.

However, the Personnel Board realized that salary equations needed revision in an upward direction and after very careful thought and study, continued over several months, decided upon a \$5.00 weekly increase in all classifications. We also set new minimum and maximum scales. The reason for this move was to better enable department heads to procure new personnel for jobs as they became open. It will reduce the competition with other forms of employment considerably and also become an incentive for older employees to remain with the Town of Agawam.

As a result of this thinking a new pay and classification plan was introduced at the Special Town Meeting held on November 2, 1953. This article No. 15 was passed with a large majority, thereby proving that the townspeople were in a sympathetic frame of mind and in accord with the thinking of your Personnel Board. The spirit of fair play prevailed.

This same article made the pay raises available as of January 1, 1954, rather than waiting until the Annual Meeting to be held in March, 1954. This factor was to eliminate unnecessary bookkeeping and the accompanying headaches attendant upon adjustments of budgets by the Finance Committee.

In keeping with the growth and progress that the town is enjoying, Article No. 10 was introduced at the Special Town Meeting June 15, 1953, establishing a classification and pay scale for a Public Health Agent. This was a confirmation of Article No. 21 appearing in the warrant at the Annual Town

Meeting held March 7, 1953, wherein an appropriation was set up but without classification.

Your Personnel Board and your Personnel Officer, Mr. Ronald Johnson, wish to thank all officials, employees and citizens who have cooperated with us and helped make the year 1953 a pleasant one.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL J. ADAMS
HENRY L. McGOWAN
JEAN GOSS

Report of the Welfare Agent

The local board still administers all forms of relief and the laws passed in 1953 made few changes in the work.

While our General Relief roll is as low as it probably ever will be, the expense is rather high partly because of costly medical bills and hospitalization.

Although sickness has been the reason for aid in some rather expensive cases, desertions, delinquency and separations are the chief causes for the majority of all new cases on General Relief and Aid to Dependent Children. We have done everything possible legally to have the responsible parties make payment for their dependents but many of them cannot be found.

Veterans whose actions have prevented them and their families from receiving veteran's benefits must be aided by us when in distress and we have had many of these.

Aid to Dependent Children has always been the form of assistance best liked by the State Department, and we have just received a seven page letter to tell us of the changes we must put into effect within a month. The case load in this category, although small, will be enough to occupy one worker's time under the new plan. Most of the extra work placed upon us seems to this agent to be unreasonable and unnecessary but we have no choice.

Disability Assistance, the latest category, has been a disappointment because so few can qualify to receive it.

Old Age Assistance, our largest category, didn't suffer much at the hands of the lawmakers in 1953 but the State Department felt the need of some changes and have just sent us another large manual to add to the six we already have. This tells in detail what changes we must make a few months from now. This new program has some virtue and will not add to our work as much as the new plan for Aid to Dependent Children, in fact we may even derive some benefit from it. The case load here has not shown a large increase but now a ma-

jority of the recipients are very old and consequently require a great deal of medication and hospitalization. This in itself has caused an enormous expense.

We have been fortunate in getting a former worker reinstated, thus meeting some of the federal requirements.

As in past years, our work has been made easier by the help of other departments and town employees. Our janitor, the town nurses, the police and the highway department have aided us in many ways. The Welfare Board and the Finance Board have given freely of their time and effort and I wish to thank all these as well as all the other town workers and officials for a fine spirit of good will and helpfulness which made 1953 a very happy and pleasant year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER S. KERR

Annual Town Meeting

MARCH 7, 1953

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, prayer led by Rev. Vito Cannizzo, the call of the warrant read by the Town Clerk and under:

Article 1. Voted James W. Cesan and William H. Lester for fence viewers.

Article 2. Voted to accept reports of town officers, errors and omissions excepted.

Article 3. Voted to leave the support of Public Welfare in the hands of Board of Public Welfare.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate \$450.00 for the proper observance of Memorial day, and that the sum be expended under the direction of Wilson-Thompson Post 185 American Legion.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$647.25 for the payment of a proper charge of an insurance company for acting as surety on the official bond of its officers.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,968.88 for the liability insurance of its employees.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for enforcement of the Dog Law.

Article 8. Voted to transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Fund to the Reserve Fund.

Article 9. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes, therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,187.60 for insurance of town vehicles.

Article 11. Voted to authorize the Assessors to use a sum not exceeding \$25,000.00 from Available Funds for the reduction of the amount to be raised by taxation during the current year.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be expended in the Town of Agawam by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,805.65 for the Contributory Retirement System of the town.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the foreclosure of tax titles.

Article 15. Voted to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, effective from January 1, 1953.

Article 16. Voted to make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year. \$1,067,587.00, effective from January 1, 1953.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Legislative	
Salary — Moderator	25.00
Selectmen	
Salaries	
Chairman	821.00
Second member	738.00
Third member	738.00
Clerk	2,555.00
Out of State travel	225.00
All other	1,160.00
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	6,237.00
Accounting Department	
Salary	3,732.00
All other	380.00
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	4,112.00
Treasurer	
Salary	1,703.00

Clerk	1,371.00
All other	1,297.00
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	4,371.00
Collector	
Salary	3,951.00
Clerk	2,741.00
All other	1,880.00
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	8,572.00
Assessors	
Salaries	
Chairman	3,241.00
Second member	1,200.00
Third member	1,200.00
Clerk	2,741.00
All other	1,700.00
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	10,082.00
Law	
Salaries	
Town Counsel	1,500.00
Town Prosecutor	500.00
Appraisals	600.00
All other	800.00
Damage to persons and property	500.00
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	3,900.00
Town Clerk	
Salary	1,703.00
Clerk	1,370.00
All other	429.00
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	3,502.00
Election and Registration	
Salaries	
Registrars	900.00
Election Officers	646.00
All other	735.00
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	2,281.00
Town Building: Administration Building	
Janitor	3,090.00

Clerk	2,080.00
Fuel, light, telephone	4,100.00
Painting	775.00
All other	1,780.00
Other town buildings	785.00
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	12,610.00
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Total General Government	55,692.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police Department	
Salaries	59,560.00
Out of State travel	100.00
New radio antenna	500.00
All other	6,200.00
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	66,360.00
Fire Department	
Salaries — Commissioners	300.00
Permanent Firemen	33,670.00
Volunteers	3,700.00
All other	6,560.00
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	44,230.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	
Salary	1,200.00
Out of State travel	75.00
All other	475.00
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	1,750.00
Tree Warden	
Salary	825.00
Labor	1,800.00
Truck	500.00
Spraying	1,000.00
Removal of Dutch Elm infected trees (on town property)	500.00
Tree planting	500.00
All other	200.00
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	5,325.00

Gypsy Moth Control	
All other	500.00
Fire Warden	
Labor	150.00
Fire permits	150.00
Equipment	200.00
Truck	75.00
All other	25.00
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	600.00
Civil Defense	
Clerical	530.00
Observation tower	645.00
All other	100.00
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	1,275.00
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Total of Protection and Property	120,040.00
Health and Sanitation	
Salaries	
Chairman	239.00
Second member	157.00
Third member	157.00
Hospitals and other	3,500.00
Garbage	4,000.00
Inspection	
Animal	275.00
Slaughter	807.00
Meats and provisions	60.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
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	9,210.00
Sewer and Surface Drainage	
Labor	10,500.00
Rental, shovel and equipment	3,500.00
All other	4,625.00
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	18,625.00
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Total Health and Sanitation	27,835.00
Highways	
Salary (Superintendent)	5,125.00
Clerk	2,278.00

Maintenance	28,760.00
Oiling	14,970.00
Snow removal	8,850.00
Sidewalk maintenance	1,000.00
Road machinery account	5,425.00
New oiling	14,484.00
Rubbish Collecting	5,950.00
Brush cutting	2,000.00
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	88,842.00
Schools	
School Budget	467,242.00
Out of State travel	150.00
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Total School Budget	467,392.00
Water Department	
Salaries	
First commissioner	127.00
Second commissioner	127.00
Third commissioner	127.00
Superintendent	3,890.00
Clerk	500.00
Contract, water consumption	26,000.00
New construction	18,000.00
Springfield Tie-in	7,000.00
All other	45,120.00
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Total Water Department	100,891.00
Charities	
General Relief	
Salaries	1,100.00
Relief	16,300.00
1952 Relief bills (other cities and towns)	3,751.00
All other	300.00
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	21,451.00
Disability Assistance	
Relief	4,000.00
Administration	400.00
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	4,400.00
Old Age Assistance	
Relief	45,000.00

Administration	2,420.00
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	47,420.00
Aid to Dependent Children	
Relief	11,000.00
Administration	880.00
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	11,880.00
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Total Charities	85,151.00
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Engineering Department	
Salaries	9,500.00
All other	1,055.00
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Total Engineering Department	10,555.00
Building Department	
Building Inspector	
Salary	1,300.00
All other	900.00
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	2,200.00
Plumbing Inspector	
Labor	2,800.00
All other	75.00
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	2,875.00
Electrical Inspector	
Salary	750.00
All other	300.00
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	1,050.00
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Total Building Inspectors	6,125.00
Veterans	
Salary	3,090.00
Benefits	8,000.00
All other	400.00
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Total Veterans Administration	11,490.00
Libraries	
Salaries	
First Librarian	225.00

Second Librarian	225.00
Third Librarian	225.00
Fuel and light	300.00
All other	150.00
Total Libraries	1,125.00
Miscellaneous	
Cemetery maintenance	800.00
Veterans' graves	216.00
Rebuilding Maple Grove Cemetery	500.00
Rebuilding Houghton's Cemetery	
Annuities	600.00
Recreation, parks, playgrounds	3,980.00
Town Nurse	8,602.00
Debt Bond payment	40,000.00
Interest on Bond debt	11,510.00
Street lighting	23,000.00
Planning Board	600.00
Board of Appeals	550.00
Unclassified	2,091.00
Total Miscellaneous	92,449.00
GRAND TOTAL	1,067,587.00

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,100.00 for School traffic officers.

Article 18. Voted that the sum of \$11,000 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for a re-survey of the town and the making of a new set of Assessor's maps by an outside engineering company, said work to be done within a period of three years, and said work to be awarded on a competitive basis.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 toward the purchase of one new cruiser for the use of the Police Department and to authorize the Police Commissioners to trade in one cruiser to make up the balance of the purchase price.

Article 20. Voted that the report of the Health Survey Committee be accepted as read.

Article 21. Voted 103 - 98 to pass over.

Article 22. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be author-

ized to appoint a Health Agent, and that the sum of \$3,227.00 be raised and appropriated for administrative purposes as follows:

Salary of Health Agent	\$2,552.00
Car allowance	375.00
Laboratory supplies	300.00
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	\$3,227.00

Article 23. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,855.00 for erection of partitions and the installation of the necessary electrical and sanitary facilities and \$2,500.00 for equipment for the Health Agent's laboratory and office.

Article 24. Voted to accept the report of the town By-laws Committee as read, as a report of progress.

Article 25. Voted to pass over.

Article 26. Voted to pass over.

Article 27. Voted to accept report of the Katherine G. Danahy School Committee.

Article 28. Voted that the report of the Benjamin J. Phelps School Committee be accepted as read, and that the committee be dismissed with a vote of thanks.

Article 29. Voted to pass over.

Article 30. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five to revise the Building Code of the Town of Agawam, said committee to make a report not later than the next annual Town Meeting.

Article 31. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to hire a suitable consultant to assist in conducting the study of said Building Code revision.

Article 32. Voted to pass over until next Special Town Meeting.

Article 33. Voted to accept the report of the Tree Warden Study Committee.

Article 34. Voted to accept the report of the Centralized Purchasing Committee.

Article 35. Voted to accept the bequest of \$284.85 from

the Old Cemetery Association, and to provide perpetual care for certain lots in said cemetery.

Article 36. Voted that the town accept the bequest of \$162.18 from the Feeding Hills Old Cemetery Association.

Article 37. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint a committee of five to study the advisability of establishing a Community Recreation Center and to make a report not later than the next annual Town Meeting, and the committee to hold at least one public hearing.

Article 38. Voted to pass over.

Article 39. Voted to accept Fairview Street as a public street with the proviso that all affidavits be filed with the Board of Selectmen within 30 days.

Article 40. Voted to accept Meadow Avenue as a public street with the proviso that all affidavits be filed with the Board of Selectmen within 30 days.

Article 41. Voted to accept Lealand Avenue as a public street with the proviso that all affidavits be filed with the Board of Selectmen within 30 days.

Article 42. Voted to accept Grant Street as a public street with the proviso that all affidavits be filed with the Board of Selectmen within 30 days.

Article 43. Voted to accept North Alhambra Circle as a public street with the proviso that all affidavits be filed with the Board of Selectmen within 30 days.

Article 44. Voted to accept South Alhambra Circle as a public street with the proviso that all affidavits be filed with the Board of Selectmen within 30 days.

Article 45. Voted to accept Ley Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street.

Article 46. Voted to accept Woodside Drive, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street.

Article 47. Voted that the sum of \$40,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for Chapter 90 Construction, a portion of which will be spent on Southwick Street, on a participating basis with the State and County as in previous years.

Article 48. Voted that the sum of \$6,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for Chapter 90 Maintenance, \$2,000.00 of which will be reimbursed to the town by the State and \$2,000.00 will be reimbursed to the town by the County.

Article 49. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of three to select a desirable location for a new Fire Station in Feeding Hills.

Article 50. Voted that the sum of \$312.50 be raised and appropriated for plumbing inspections made in 1952. Vote: YES 112, NO 13.

Article 51. Voted unanimously that the sum of \$29.34 be raised and appropriated for the payment of 1952 bills for the Parks and Playgrounds.

Article 52. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the removal of a tree stump in the public way, in front of the Agawam Center Post Office.

Article 53. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for the posting of private ways and dead-end streets, under the supervision of the Department of Streets and Engineering.

Article 54. Voted that the sum of \$5,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of pipe only, for surface drainage on North Westfield and South Westfield Streets.

Article 55. Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,500.00 from Road Machinery Fund to the Road Equipment Account for the purchase of sewer buckets and winches.

Article 56. Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,250.00 from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Equipment Account for the purchase of a stone spreader box.

Article 57. Voted to pass over.

Article 58. Voted to pass over.

Article 59. Voted to transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Fund the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a new 1½-ton truck for the water department and to authorize the Water Commissioners to trade in the 1948 Chevrolet truck to be applied toward the purchase price.

Article 60. Voted to transfer the sum of \$800.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purchase by the Water Commissioners of a Water Meter Testing machine.

Article 61. Voted to transfer the sum of \$11,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Suffield Street, between Cooper and Center Streets, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 62. Voted to transfer the sum of \$12,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Silver Street, westerly from Suffield Street approximately twelve hundred feet, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 63. Voted that the sum of \$11,700.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a sanitary sewer on North Westfield Street for a distance of approximately 750 feet northerly from the end of the present sewer, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 64. Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Portland Place, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 65. Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,600.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Ley Street, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 66. Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,300.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Witheridge Street, from the end of the present sewer northerly as far as grade perimts, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 67. Voted to transfer the sum of \$2,600.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Dyotte Street, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 68. Voted to transfer the sum of \$2,400.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Warren Street, between River Road and

Dyotte Street, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 69. Voted to transfer the sum of \$7,500.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Lincoln Street, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 70. Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain, an easement for purposes of constructing and maintaining a storm sewer, over the land hereinafter described:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of property of one Marie Bertoldi in an easterly line of Main Street and running thence north $49^{\circ} 31' 30''$ east along the southerly line of said Bertoldi 120 feet to an iron rod; thence continuing in the same line 83.08 feet to a point; thence south $30^{\circ} 28' 30''$ east 60.27 feet to a point; thence south $59^{\circ} 31' 30''$ west 200 feet to the easterly line of Main Street; thence north $30^{\circ} 28' 30''$ west 25 feet to an iron rod at the point of beginning. Said parcel being a portion of land owned by Esther Cohen as described in Book 1807, page 62, Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Article 71. Voted to transfer the sum of \$250.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the easement authorized in Article 70.

Article 72. Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain, an easement for purposes of constructing and maintaining a storm sewer over the following described parcel of land:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of River Road being 49.00 feet north $38^{\circ} 30' 30''$ east of an iron pin at the northwesterly corner of property of Dorothy W. Doolittle, and running thence south $56^{\circ} 57' 30''$ east about 270 feet to the bank of the Connecticut River; thence northeasterly along the bank of the Connecticut River about 40 feet to a point; thence north $56^{\circ} 57' 30''$, west about 270 feet to the easterly line of River Road at a point being 40 feet distant measured along the street line from the point of beginning; thence south $38^{\circ} 30' 30''$ west along the easterly line of River road to the point of beginning.

Article 73. Voted to transfer the sum of \$400.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for the payment of damages resulting from the easement authorized in Article 72.

Article 74. Voted to transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for construction of a storm sewer on Cooper Street between Main Street and Federal Street, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 75. Voted to transfer the sum of \$21,750.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a storm sewer on North and South Alhambra Circle, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 76. Voted to transfer \$3,800.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a storm sewer on Albert Street, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 77. Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,500.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a storm sewer on Mill Street, from Poplar Street approximately 500 feet easterly, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 78. Voted to pass over.

Article 79. Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,300.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for recapping the existing sidewalk on the southerly side of Springfield Street, between Rowley and Royal Lane.

Article 80. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,734.95 for the micro-filming of the records of Town Clerk, Engineering Department, and Assessors, and the purchase of a reader.

Article 81. Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,800.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purchase of a car by the Board of Health, said car to be used by the assistant nurse in the conduct of town business only.

Article 82. Voted to pass over.

Article 83. Voted to pass over.

Article 84. Voted to pass over.

Article 85. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver in its name and behalf, a deed to Edwin C. Knapp, both individually and as the sole stockholder of Knapp Home Building Co., which company was dissolved March 3, 1927, said deed to cover lots 35 to 40 inclusive, as shown on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans H, Page 64.

Article 86. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver a deed to the First Baptist Church of Agawam the following described parcel of land:

Beginning at an iron pipe located 169.60 feet south $73^{\circ} 40'$ west of intersection of the southerly line of Elm Street with the westerly line of Main Street, and running thence south $73^{\circ} 40'$ west 111.27 feet to an iron pipe; thence south $16^{\circ} 20'$ east 162.83 feet to an iron pipe; thence north $16^{\circ} 22' 30''$ east 100.23 feet to an iron pipe; thence north $19^{\circ} 42'$ east 97.07 feet to the point of beginning. Said land being the present location of the Agawam Center Fire Station.

The Board of Selectmen be authorized to accept a deed from the First Baptist Church of Agawam for the following described parcel of land:

Beginning at a point located 355.87 feet south $73^{\circ} 40'$ west of the intersection of the southerly line of Elm Street with the westerly line of Main Street, and running thence south $73^{\circ} 40'$ west 75.00 feet to a point; thence south $16^{\circ} 20'$ east 100 feet to a point; thence north $73^{\circ} 40'$ east 75.00 feet to a point; thence north $16^{\circ} 20'$ west 100 feet to the point of beginning. Said land being a portion of land owned by the First Baptist Church of Agawam, as recorded in Book 2128, page 572.

The above transfer to take place when the First Baptist Church of Agawam moves the existing fire station and siren with all existing services from its present location to the new location transferred to the Town of Agawam by said Church. All expenses and liabilities shall be borne by said Church, and the work to be done with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 87. Voted to adopt the following By-law:
SNOW AND ICE

Section 1. The tenant or occupant, and in case there be

no tenant or occupant, the owner or persons having the care of any estate abutting upon any street, lane, court or square, within the town where there is a sidewalk which now is established or may hereafter be established, or set apart as such, shall within twenty-four hours after the ceasing to fall of any snow thereon, cause the same to be removed therefrom.

Section 2. When any snow shall be collected or deposited upon any sidewalk mentioned in the preceding section, either by falling from some adjacent building, or by drifting upon said sidewalk, the tenant or occupant, and in case there be no tenant or occupant, the owner or persons having the charge of the estate abutting upon said sidewalk, shall within twenty-four hours after its being so collected or deposited, cause the same to be removed.

Section 3. Whenever any sidewalk mentioned in Section 1 hereof, shall be encumbered with ice, it shall be the duty of the tenant or occupant, and in case there be no tenant or occupant, the owner or persons having the charge of the estate abutting upon said sidewalk, to cause such sidewalk to be made safe and convenient for transit by removing the ice therefrom or by covering the same with sand or some other suitable substance within twenty-four hours after such sidewalk shall become so encumbered.

Section 4. Any person violating any provision of this By-law shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$2.00 for each day during which the said violation shall continue.

Article 88. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a High School Committee of nine members composed as follows: Two members of the School Committee, one Selectman, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Finance Committee, one member of the Agawam Council for Public Schools, and one member from each of the areas comprising North Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Agawam center, and to appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for expenses which may be incurred by the High School Building Committee for the purpose of reviewing, revising and reporting upon preliminary plans drawn by Alderman & MacNeish; having engineering data compiled such as borings to determine subsoil conditions. To make a report of these recommendations together with any recommendation it might have relative to appropriations for the building of said High School at the first special Town Meeting to be held in the year 1953.

Article 89. Voted to transfer from Excess and Deficiency Fund the sum of \$9,000.00 for the installation of a hardened surface in the rear of the present High School Building.

Article 90. Voted that the sum of \$2,400.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the installation of new electrical entrances and related work in the present high school building.

Article 91. Voted to amend a By-law relating to the creation of the Board of Appeals adopted July 24, 1945, by striking out the words "an associate member" and substituting in place thereof "two associate members" so that the same will read as follows:

Section 1. There shall be in the Town of Agawam, a Board of Appeals, hereinafter called the Board, consisting of three members and two associate members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The first appointment of members shall be for terms of one, two and three years. Thereafter the Board of Selectmen shall appoint each year one member to serve for three years. Appointments of the associate members shall be made for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner for unexpired terms.

Article 92. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five to work with the Planning Board in studying parking problems in congested areas in the town, and to make a report not later than the next annual Town Meeting.

Article 93. Voted to pass over.

Article 94. Voted to take no action.

Article 95. Voted to take no action.

Article 96. Voted to take no action.

Article 97. Voted to adjourn at 6:10 P. M.

BRANDON N. LETELLIER

Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

JUNE 15, 1953

The meeting was called to order by the moderator at the

time and place specified in the warrant, prayer led by Rev. Eben Chapman, a quorum declared present, the call of the warrant read by the town clerk and under:

Article 1. Voted that the sum of \$7,000.00 be transferred from the Highway Maintenance Account to the following accounts: Road Machinery Account, \$3,075.00; Snow Removal, \$700.00; Maintenance Oiling, \$800.00; New Oiling, \$1,725.00; Rubbish Collection, \$700.00.

Article 2. Voted to transfer the sum of \$899.80 from the Springfield Street Sidewalk Account at Feeding Hills Center to Walnut and Springfield Streets intersection to make the necessary change-over.

Article 3. Voted that the sum of \$939.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Law-Other Account.

Article 4. Voted unanimously that the sum of \$200.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Parks and Playgrounds for an unpaid 1952 bill.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder, a small concrete mixer.

Article 6. Voted that the town transfer the sum of \$9,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the construction of a storm drain on a portion of Meadow Avenue across Meadow Street, said construction to be done under the betterment act.

Article 7. Voted unanimously that the Town of Agawam authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain for purposes of constructing and maintaining a storm water drain, an easement forty (40) feet in width for said purposes, the center line of which is described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the westerly line of abandoned end of Kirkland Street with the northerly line of Meadow Street, running thence north $40^{\circ} 37' 30''$ west two hundred (200) feet, said property being a portion of property owned by Albert J. and Jennie M. Christopher.

Article 8. Voted that the sum of \$725.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Town Cemetery Account, for the resurfacing and repair of headstones in the town cemetery located on Southwick Street.

Article 9. Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Fire Department for the purchase of a new pickup truck.

Article 10. Voted to amend the Personnel By-law adopted June 2, 1952, by adding thereto under classification S-7 the following new position, Public Health Agent, with salary minimum and maximum to be as provided by the present scale.

Article 11. Voted unanimously that the town amend its By-laws so that beginning with the annual election of the year 1954, the term of Tree Warden shall be for a three (3) year period, all in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 1.

Article 12. Voted that the report of the Centennial Committee be accepted as a report of progress.

Article 13. Voted that the report of the committee appointed to study the advisability of establishing a Community Recreation Center be accepted as a report of progress.

Article 14. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to execute in its name and behalf, a deed to William C. Clampit and Irma A. Clampit for:

A certain parcel of land known as lots No. 38 and No. 39 as shown on a plan of "Riverside Gardens," recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans H, Page 56.

Article 15. Voted unanimously that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to sell at public auction certain real estate known and designated as Lots 143, 144, 113 and 114, as shown on a plan of lots recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, File 173, said land being bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Woodcliff Avenue, sixty (60) feet; easterly by lots 112 and 145 as shown on said plan, one hundred forty (140) feet; southerly by Sunnyslope Avenue, sixty (60) feet; westerly by lots 142 and 115 as shown on said plan, one hundred forty (140) feet.

Being the premises which said town acquired by deed of Matilda Frankowski, dated October 31, 1935, recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 1619, Page 200.

Article 16. Voted that the sum of \$2,800.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the payment of a compromise settlement on a claim of Florence D. Marcheselli for sidewalk injuries.

Article 17. Voted to accept the report of the High School Building Committee as a report of progress.

Article 18. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to secure permission from the General Court to amend Chapter 93 of the Acts of 1951, whereby the said town was authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,500,000.00 for school purposes, so that the same will read \$2,100,000.00.

Article 19. Voted YES 299, NO 102, to change the zoning of the following described property from Residence A2 to Industrial:

Beginning at a point in the northeasterly line of Main Street, said point being distant one hundred forty-eight (148) feet northerly from a Massachusetts highway bound, located in said northeasterly line of Main Street, and running thence north $50^{\circ} 32''$ east, five hundred four and $54/100$ (504.54) feet; thence south $73^{\circ} 7'$ east, two hundred seven and $79/100$ (207.79) feet; thence south $39^{\circ} 40'$ east, ten hundred thirty and $65/100$ (1030.65) feet; thence south $47^{\circ} 25'$ west, two hundred sixty-six and $51/100$ (266.51) feet; thence south $55^{\circ} 24'$ west, one hundred sixty-two and $61/100$ (162.61) feet; thence south $55^{\circ} 43'$ west, one hundred eighty-six and $37/100$ (186.37) feet to the northeasterly line of Main Street, thence north $49^{\circ} 2'$ west, ninety-nine and $50/100$ (99.50) feet to an angle in the said northeasterly line of Main Street, thence north $39^{\circ} 14' 33''$ west by said northeasterly line of Main Street, nine hundred thirty-seven and $81/100$ (937.81) feet to said Massachusetts Highway bound; thence north $39^{\circ} 14' 33''$ west, one hundred forty-eight (148) feet to the point of beginning. The above described parcel contains sixteen (16) acres, more or less.

Article 20. Voted unanimously to change the zoning of the following described property from Business A to Industrial:

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Walnut Street, distant 200 feet westerly of the westerly line of Suffield Street; thence along lots No. 1 and 2 as shown on a plan of lots recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 35, Page 29, S. $26^{\circ} 25'$ W. a distance of 177.94 feet;

thence continuing along said lot No. 1 on said plan of lots, S. 63° 35' E. a distance of about 70 feet to the center of the brook; southwesterly along the center of the brook about 420 feet; thence parallel with the westerly line of Suffield Street, N. 26° 25' E. a distance of about 450 feet to a point at the southeasterly corner of Walnut Street and Ramah Circle South; along the southerly line of Walnut Street, in a curve with a radius of 1249.89 feet, a distance of 200.86 feet to the point of beginning.

- Article 21. Voted to pass over.
- Article 22. Voted to pass over.
- Article 23. Voted to pass over.
- Article 24. Voted to pass over.
- Article 25. Voted to adjourn at 10:30 P. M.

BRANDON N. LETELLIER
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

NOVEMBER 2, 1953

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, prayer led by Rev. Leonard Della Badia, the call of the warrant read by the Town Clerk and under:

Article 1. Voted to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from Excess and Deficiency Fund to Health All Other Account.

Article 2. Voted to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the following accounts to the Sewer Labor and Supervision Account as follows.

From: Edward St. Surface Drainage	\$ 165.12
Annable St. Sewer	950.81
Suffield St. Sewer — 1952	11.07
Norman Ter. Sewer	1,298.54
So. Westfield St. Sewer	6.33
Northwood St. Sewer	348.37
Lincoln St. Sewer	33.19
Springfield St. Sidewalk — 1952	99.54
Excess and Deficiency	2,087.03
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	\$5,000.00

Article 3. Voted to transfer the sum of \$400.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Town Buildings Account, for necessary repairs on the Feeding Hills Library.

Article 4. Voted to transfer the sum of \$75.00 from the Sealer of Weights and Measures — Out of State Travel, to the Sealer of Weights and Measures — Other Account.

Article 5. Voted to transfer the sum of \$600.00 from the Assessors Salary Account to the Assessors—All Other Account.

Article 6. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take by eminent domain, an easement for highway purposes as described in Article 6 on the following described parcel of land:

“Beginning at the northeasterly corner of Lot No. 1, as recorded in Book 2, Page 17, in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, and being in the westerly line of Main Street and running thence southeasterly along the westerly line of Main Street 104.03 feet to the beginning of an arc; running thence along said arc 24.86 feet to a point in the northerly line of Reed Street; thence northwesterly 120.00 feet to a point in the northerly line of said Lot No. 1 being 16 feet southwesterly from the point of beginning; thence northeasterly 16 feet to said point of beginning. Said property being a portion of the estate of Wilson Goodrich, and to be taken by the Town of Agawam for highway purposes.”

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Article 8. Voted to pass over.

Article 9. Voted to pass over.

Article 10. Voted to accept the report of the Building Code Committee as a report of progress.

Article 11. Voted to accept the report of the committee to study the advisability of establishing a Community Recreation Center, as a report of progress.

Article 12. Voted to accept the report of the Centennial Committee as a report of progress.

Article 13. Voted to pass over.

Article 14. Voted that the sum of \$3,581.48 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Water Contract Account.

Article 15. Voted that Section 8 of the Personnel By-laws as adopted June 2, 1952, and as amended, be changed by striking out the present section and inserting in place thereof the new section as printed in the warrant.

Section 8:

SALARIED CLASSES:

Grade S-1—\$20.00; \$25.00; \$27.00; \$30.00; \$33.00

Handicraft Instructors, P.T.

Playground Instructors, P.T.

Grade S-2—\$40.20; \$42.50; \$44.80

Junior Clerk Typist

Grade S-2A—\$42.20; \$44.40; \$46.60

Assistant Recreation Director, P.T.

Grade S-3—\$46.80; \$49.00; \$51.20; \$53.40

Junior Engineering Aide; Senior Clerk Typist; Senior Clerk Typist and Stenographer (Plus \$2.00 per week for Stenographic ability)

Grade S-4—\$53.40; \$56.70; \$60.00; \$63.30; \$66.60

Director of Recreation, P.T. \$49.00

Janitor or Custodian; Public Health Nurse;

Senior Engineering Aide; Veterans Agent; Social Worker;

Assistant Assessor; Deputy Town Collector; Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer

Grade S-5—\$62.20; \$65.50; \$68.80; \$72.10

Animal Inspector, P.T.; Fire Engineer, P.T.;

Sealer of Weights and Measures, P.T.;

Slaughter Inspector, P.T.

Grade S-6—\$72.10; \$75.40; \$79.80; \$84.20

Building Inspector, P.T.; Junior Civil Engineer;

Plumbing Inspector, P.T.; Superintendent of Water Department; Welfare Agent; Town Accountant; Assistant

Building Inspector, P. T.; Electrical Inspector, P.T.; As-

stant Plumbing Inspector, P.T.; Senior Public Health Nurse; Senior Inspector

Grade S-7—\$97.40; \$101.80; \$106.20; \$110.60

Highway Superintendent; Town Engineer;

Public Health Agent

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Grade F-1—\$59.00; \$61.70; \$63.69; \$66.89; \$69.00
Firemen

Grade F-2—\$74.30; \$77.05; \$79.80
Fire Lieutenants

POLICE DEPARTMENT CLASSES:

Grade P-1—\$56.26; \$61.39; \$66.89; \$72.64
Patrolmen

Grade P-2—\$74.80; \$77.05; \$79.80
Police Sargeants

Grade P-3—\$87.50; \$93.00; \$98.00
Police Chief

WAGE CLASSES:

Grade W-1—\$1.48; \$1.53; \$1.58
Laborers

Grade W-2—\$1.62; \$1.69; \$1.76
Forestry laborers; Chauffeur-laborer

Grade W-3—\$1.73; \$1.79; \$1.85
Maintenance Craftsman; Meter Reader

Grade W-4—\$1.86; \$1.93; \$1.99
Equipment Operator; Tree Climber

Grade W-5—\$2.01; \$2.11; \$2.21
Public Works Foreman
Water Dept. Meter Maintenance Foreman

Article 16. Voted that the sum of \$1,134.00 be transferred from Available Funds to the Fire Department Salary Account to be used to employ three (3) additional Fire Fighters from November 15th to the end of the year, and that the Board of Fire Engineers be instructed to petition the Director of the Division of Civil Service for authorization to appoint three (3) probationarys until such time as an eligibility list may be established.

Article 17. Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,234.49, representing the balance remaining from the sum appropriated, for hardening the surface in the rear of the present high school building to the general account, school department.

Article 18. Voted that the town ratify the action of the Board of Selectmen in entering into an agreement with Nicholas

J. Donatini and Augusta L. Donatini under the terms of which the said Donatini et ux agreed to grant an easement to the Town of Agawam over a strip of land fifty (50) feet in width running from North Street, westerly to the southwesterly corner of their property, said easement to be used for the purpose of laying a storm drain and the consideration for which is the supplying of culvert pipe of a value of approximately \$500.00. The description of said easement to be shown on a plan approved by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk.

Article 19. Voted to accept the report of the High School Building Committee, as read.

Article 20. Voted, 679 YES; 161 NO, to appropriate not exceeding \$2,100,000.00 to be used for the construction and equipping of a high school, and to be spent under the direction and supervision of the High School Building Committee, appointed under Article 88 of the Annual Town Meeting March 7, 1953, and that to meet such appropriation the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be and is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$2,100,000.00 and to issue bonds therefore; \$1,500,000.00 thereof shall be borrowed under the authority of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 1951 and \$600,000.00 thereof shall be borrowed under the authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended; said bonds shall be payable in annual installments within twenty years from their date, shall bear interest payable semi-annually at a rate to be fixed by the Town Treasurer and the Selectmen and shall be payable at such place as shall be designated by the Town Treasurer and the Selectmen.

Article 21. Voted unanimously to change the zoning of the following described parcel of land from Residence A-2 and Business A to Industrial Zone:

Beginning at an iron rod in the easterly line of Main Street, Agawam, Mass., said iron rod also being on division line of land of Marguerite Caldon and land of Cohen, and running thence N. 55° 43' E. along land of said Caldon 186.37 feet to a point; thence N. 55° 24' E. along land of said Caldon 162.61 feet to a point; thence N. 47° 25' E. along land of said Caldon 287 feet, more or less, to a stone bound at land of Stapleton; thence N. 30° 25' E. along land of said Stapleton 250 feet to a point on land of Esther Cohen; thence S. 39° 35' E. on land of Esther

Cohen 590 feet, more or less, to a point; thence S. $20^{\circ} 58' 12''$ W. on land of said Esther Cohen 760 feet, more or less, to a point; thence S. $7^{\circ} 58' 12''$ W. on land of said Esther Cohen 400.96 feet to a point; thence S. $60^{\circ} 58' 12''$ W. 250 feet to a point in the easterly line of Main Street opposite Cooper Street; thence N. $19^{\circ} 01' 48''$ W. along the easterly line of Main Street 856 feet, more or less, to a Highway bound; thence N. $23^{\circ} 20' 44''$ W. along the easterly line of Main Street 205.83 feet to a Highway bound; thence N. $45^{\circ} 38' 26''$ W. along the easterly line of Main Street about 138 feet to an iron rod at land of Marguerite Caldon and the point of beginning. The above described parcel of land contains 16.44 acres more or less.

Article 22. Voted to adjourn at 10:50 P. M.

BRANDON N. LETELLIER

Town Clerk

Births Registered in Agawam For the Year 1953

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Jan. 2	Kim Stuart Rescia	Richard R. and Helen C. Rescia
Jan. 3	John Gary Molta	John P. and Anna J. Molta
Jan. 4	Linda Jean Geckler	Roger U. and Phyllis M. Geckler
Jan. 4	Holly Joy Cloran	Brendon E. and Patricia A. Cloran
Jan. 4	Edwin James Wright	H. Kent, Jr. and Naomi A. Wright
Jan. 6	Craig Brian Allen	Gordon B. and Lorraine M. Allen
Jan. 6	Carol Ann Gillan	George E. and Wilma C. Gillan
Jan. 7	Catherine Rose Gould	Clyde B. and Carmella T. Gould
Jan. 8	Michael Joseph Shibley	Joseph and Alice Shibley
Jan. 8	Shelley Gloria VanHeusen	Lucius H. and Barbara VanHeusen
Jan. 9	Steven Paul Cassidy	John F. and Barbara J. Cassidy
Jan. 10	Debra Ann Dalgleish	Roger L. and Phyllis A. Dalgleish
Jan. 12	John Woodworth Marsters	Richard H. and Patricia M. Marsters
Jan. 12	Jon Michael Bushey	Wilfred A. and Joan Bushey
Jan. 13	Lisa Dale Trela	Frederick E. and Virginia M. Trela
Jan. 16	Judith Ann Chlastawa	John J. and Louise Chlastawa
Jan. 16	Betty Lou Frenette	Robert B. and Dorothy M. Frenette
Jan. 17	Phyllis Ruth Johnson	Arthur W. and Frances Johnson
Jan. 22	James Michael Korney	James J. and Lenora A. Korney
Jan. 22	Douglas Alan Malley	Wallace E. and Lois P. Malley
Jan. 23	Donald John Garden	John A., Jr. and Elvira Garden
Jan. 25	Dennis Milton Lyons	Henry Richard and Josephine Lyons
Jan. 27	Margaret Anne O'Connor	John and Francine M. O'Connor
Feb. 1	Marie Ann Fiasconaro	Frank J. and Norma H. Fiasconaro
Feb. 2	Linda Marie Piekarski	Alexander L. and Mildred E. Piekarski
Feb. 2	Edward Allen Whiffen	Edward A. and Joan Whiffen
Feb. 4	Frederick John Giordano	Fred J. and Letesia Giordano
Feb. 5	Robert Albert French	Albert M. and Corina T. French
Feb. 5	Todd Martin Manville	Kenneth E. and Lois Manville
Feb. 11	Joseph Collins	James B. and Mary A. Collins
Feb. 12	Santo Anthony Cannarella, Jr.	Santo A. and Alice Cannarella
Feb. 13	Dolores Ann Shoemaker	Daniel J. and Anita D. Shoemaker
Feb. 16	Steven Paul Albertowicz	Stanley H. and Gertrude H. Albertowicz
Feb. 16	Cynthia Mathias	Joseph and Nellie Mathias
Feb. 16	Rhonda Lynne Rogal	Walter S. and Eva I. Rogal
Feb. 18	Dennis James Clark	John L., Jr. and Eva L. Clark
Feb. 19	John Jay Bennett	Donald J. and Lillian G. Bennett
Feb. 20	Teresa Mae Cooley	Ashley R., Jr. and Mary Ann Cooley
Feb. 21	Martha Ann Bromley	William H., Jr. and Ruth M. Bromley
Feb. 22	Jerry Anthony James	John J. and Meredith James
Feb. 23	Stephanie Bozigian	Haig and Patricia E. Bozigian
Feb. 24	Enrico Robert Meucci	Enrico W. and Doris A. Meucci

Feb.	25	Peter Anthony Klinakis, Jr.	Peter A. and Ruth Klinakis
Feb.	25	Franklin Philip Schutt	Wesley J., Sr. and Jeannette B. Schutt
Feb.	27	Edward James Dahdah	Bashire E. and Mildred A. Dahdah
Mar.	2	Mario Allen Buiso	James G. and Lovena Buiso
Mar.	4	Donald Louis Young, Jr.	Donald Louis and Eleanor Young
Mar.	4	David Kevin Gingras	Richard E. and Barbara A. Gingras
Mar.	7	Bradford Eugene Hedges	Elton L. and Helen E. Hedges
Mar.	9	Debora Ann Wilson	Edgar W., Jr. and Laura M. Wilson
Mar.	10	Harriet Ethelyn Webster	Herbert W. and Ethelyn J. Webster
Mar.	11	Patricia Jeanne Brunelle	Leo J., Jr. and Lillian F. Brunelle
Mar.	14	Gary Arthur King	Arthur K. and Norma N. King
Mar.	16	SallyAnn Langdon	Richard M., Jr. and Rose Langdon
Mar.	16	Janet Lynn Maynard	Gerard J. and Laurette F. Maynard
Mar.	16	Michael Robert Welch	John R. and Barbara Welch
Mar.	21	John Robinson Hine	Wadsworth C. and Janet M. Hine
Mar.	21	James Donald Taylor	Donald Herbert and Jean Beverly Taylor
Mar.	26	Sheila Ann Kida	Walter J. and Elizabeth Kida
Mar.	28	Glenn Francis Hart	Francis H. and Shirley A. Hart
Mar.	28	Cynthia Lee Wiggins	Langester and Hazel Wiggins
Mar.	29	Linda Ann Higgins	John E., Sr. and Janet C. Higgins
Apr.	2	Roy Leon Seidell, Jr.	Roy Leon and June Mae Seidell
Apr.	3	Janet Irene Tyburski	Boleslaw and Gertrude Tyburski
Apr.	4	Debra Ann McLaughlin	John Edmund, Jr. and Dolores Adele McLaughlin
Apr.	5	Donald Jay Taddia	Donald J. and Rita Taddia
Apr.	12	Annette Marie Doyle	James E. and Lillian E. Doyle
Apr.	12	Lisa Christine Mullaly	Richard L. and Virginia C. Mullaly
Apr.	12	Calvin Suel Phillips, Jr.	Calvin S. and Arlene R. Phillips
Apr.	13	Karen Ann Crosby	Gordon E. and Doris C. Crosby
Apr.	15	Mark Edward Duclos	Edward C. and Constance T. Duclos
Apr.	15	Kevin William Harrigan	John J. and Shirley M. Harrigan
Apr.	15	April Lynn Royer	Norman W. and Lorraine E. Royer
Apr.	19	Susan Esther Affleck	George F. and Esther L. Affleck
Apr.	21	Linda Diane Depalo	Thomas P. and Catherine Depalo
Apr.	21	Kenneth Anderson Perry	Arthur F. and Evelyn C. Perry
Apr.	24	Lynn Frances D'Agostino	Frank A. and Virginia D'Agostino
Apr.	24	Donald Erwin Whitehouse	Donald E. and Lucille Whitehouse
Apr.	24	Peter Nicholas Rodis	Nicholas and Eve Rodis
Apr.	27	Cherly Ann Rose	Conrad J. and Rita Rose
Apr.	28	Judith Ann Malanson	Leo F. and Christine Malanson
May	2	Kurt Francis Haarmann	Francis G. and Mary T. Haarmann
May	4	Karen Irene Kelley	Joseph M. and Mary A. Kelley
May	4	John Francis Liptak	George S. and Helen A. Liptak
May	7	James Joseph Sullivan, Jr.	James J. and Jane M. Sullivan
May	8	Donald David Sausville	Arthur E. and Ruth J. Sausville
May	8	Linda Jean Campbell	Donald Bruce and Betty Jean Campbell
May	9	Teresa Regina Alfano	Alphonse G. and Evelina Alfano
May	9	Marilyn Margaret White	James W. and Margaret White
May	9	Robert John Gaj	Max and Jane V. Gaj
May	11	John Joseph Andros	John G. and Eunice M. Andros
May	11	Jeffrey Brian Leporati	Albert A. and Concetta M. Leporati
May	11	Robert Charles Morin	J. Paul and Barbara K. Morin
May	12	Bonnie Lee Milne	Richard and Joan Milne

May 12	Patricia Ann Watson	Robert, Jr. and Elaine Watson
May 12	Leo Frank Carey, III	Leo Albert, Jr. and Helen Juditha Carey
May 13	Carolyn Clark Rogers	Clayton Taylor, Jr. and Wanda Mary Rogers
May 13	Paul Vincent Suffriti	Everett D. and Barbara E. Suffriti
May 13	Deborah Jean Wallace	Theodor G. and Dorothy J. Wallace
May 18	Robert Joseph Castellanos	Louis J. and Barbara E. Castellanos
May 19	Gordon Everett Chandler	Gordon H. and Ruth B. Chandler
May 20	John Francis McCarthy	John J. and Martha H. McCarthy
May 23	Peter Gerard Ramah	Joseph P. and Pearl Ramah
May 24	George Ronald Farina, Jr.	George R. and Alice E. Farina
May 26	Laura Ann Carr	Arthur W. and Edith R. Carr
May 27	Barbara DeBiasio	Atteo and Velia DeBiasio
May 27	Joseph Vincent Russo	Vincent J. and Rumza Russo
May 29	James Edward Kennedy	James J. and June L. Kennedy
May 29	Linda Jean Hammond	Colby C. and Rita L. Hammond
May 31	Jeffrey Franklin Craig	William G. and Phyllis M. Craig
May 31	Rhonda Anne Grant	John A. and Helen E. Grant
June 2	Matthew Stanley Bonk, Jr.	Matthew S. and Janice E. Bonk
June 3	Daniel Robert Gegenheimer	Richard A. and Shirley E. Gegenheimer
June 8	James Richard Knapp	Joseph H. and Esther Knapp
June 9	Nancy Susan Andrews	Laurence R. and Priscilla M. Andrews
June 9	Thomas Leo Pilon	Leo J. and Doris M. Pilon
June 10	Joseph John Davis	Robert M. and Fakide J. Davis
June 10	David Jeserski	Frederick J. and Josephine E. Jeserski
June 12	Linda Dianne Campbell	Donald J. and Jeannette Y. Campbell
June 12	Michael Robert Stefanik	Robert S. and Shirley E. Stefanik
June 14	Gloria Ann Hastings	Lyman T. and Doris N. Hastings
June 14	Ralph Joseph Tortoriello, III	Ralph J., Jr. and Barbara Tortoriello
June 15	Daniel Edward Sullivan	Robert T. and Catherine M. Sullivan
June 16	Curtis Kingsley Sosebee	Donald Winston and Madeline Thesesa Sosebee
June 16	Steven Scott Taddia	Alfred E. and Gloria Taddia
June 17	Robert William Roach	William F. and Anne M. Roach
June 18	Charles Thomas Botelho	Benjamin R. and Cora M. Botelho
June 20	Thomas Walter Piper	Vincent P. and Loretta M. Piper
June 21	Jane Ann Blair	Norman W. and Barbara L. Blair
June 21	Jean Ann Blair	Norman W. and Barbara L. Blair
June 21	Kent Alan Harrison	Joseph W. and Gwendolyn Harrison
June 21	James Alan Swanson	Roland A. and Virginia A. Swanson
June 22	Thomas Bernard Davilli	Faustino and Anita Davilli
June 23	Mary Lee Woishnis	Joseph J. and Jean F. Woishnis
June 24	Carolyn Stefanik	Edward C. and Suzanne F. Stefanik
June 24	Victor Joseph Shibley	Victor J. and Edna Shibley
June 24	Alan John Griffin	Williston V. and Viola M. Griffin
June 26	Candice Ann Bassani	Benjamin S. and Evalyn R. Bassani
June 27	Stephen Joseph Cimma	Elso and Mary Cimma
June 27	Thomas James Murray	Martin Joseph and Barbara Murray
July 1	Judith Marie Pescetta	Virgilio P. and Alice Pescetta
July 1	Dennis Barton Hopkins	Ernest S. and Frances E. Hopkins
July 3	Pamela Joyce Ayers	John F. and Adeline R. Ayers

July	4	Nelson Edward Trevallion	Nelson E. and Jacqueline M. Trevallion
July	5	Donna Marie Labun	Frank and Mary Labun
July	8	Juliann Mary Provost	Alfred M. and Lorenza M. Provost
July	9	Louise Marion Spear	William O. and Barbara H. Spear
July	15	Ann Elizabeth Arnfield	Albert V. and Priscilla M. Arnfield
July	17	Michael James Prez	Bronislaw J. and Violet J. Prez
July	17	Margaret Ann Lango	Anthony and Adalina Lango
July	17	Mary Lucille Onorato	Joseph M. and Winifred L. Onorato
July	18	Robert Lorin Geoffrion, Jr.	Robert L. and Barbara E. Geoffrion
July	18	Mary Theresa Longo	Peter and Theresa M. Longo
July	19	James Henry Galaska	Chester J. and Virginia J. Galaska
July	20	Jane Ellen Bitgood	John C., Jr. and Madeline Bitgood
July	20	Steven Edmund Claflin	Kenneth E. and Alice L. Claflin
July	20	Irene Elizabeth Dagg	Herbert F. and Marie A. Dagg
July	21	Elaine Bshara	Raymond and Aphrodite Bshara
July	22	Carolyn Dell Jenks	Prentiss R. and Ruth A. Jenks
July	22	Martin Benedict O'Brien, II	John L. and Rita O'Brien
July	22	Gary Lee Holland	Donald G. and Elaine L. Holland
July	23	Edwin Lutat, Jr.	Edwin and Eileen S. Lutat
July	23	Carol Jean Overstreet	Edgar G., Jr. and Ella M. Overstreet
July	25	Alicia Anne Quinn	John F. and Mary A. Quinn
July	25	David Wayne Neill	Donald and Phyllis G. Neill
July	25	Patricia Anne Hedin	Carl Anton and Gretchen P. Hedin
July	27	James Joseph Luccardi	George A. and Phyllis L. Luccardi
July	27	Michael Wayne Drew- nowski	Henry A. and Dorothy A. Drewnowski
July	28	James Francis Yarmac	Anthony and Evelyn J. Yarmac
July	28	David Michael Tangredi	Dominick and Mary A. Tangredi
July	29	Thomas Joseph Harrison	Joseph A. and Dorothy M. Harrison
July	29	John Jay Pelley	Harold N. and Marjorie E. Pelley
July	30	Dian DallaPegorara	Albino V. and Marie N. DallaPegorara
Aug.	1	Daniel Thomas Simpson	William J. and Eleanor R. Simpson
Aug.	2	Anne Kathleen Schaeffer	John A. and Beverly Schaeffer
Aug.	2	Jean Elsie Pfersick	Winifred C. and Myrtle F. Pfersick
Aug.	3	Beverly Ann Jenks	Norman E. and Dorothy E. Jenks
Aug.	5	Janet Kay Besner	Fred E. and Ethel M. Besner
Aug.	5	William Robert Hamel	Joseph R. and Beatrice E. Hamel
Aug.	5	Peter Hilmer Moore	Oliver P., Jr. and Agnes H. Moore
Aug.	6	Joanne Mary Gazar	William R. and Rita M. Gazar
Aug.	9	Raymond Gerald Tur- cotte	Raymond G. and Marie E. Turcotte
Aug.	9	Andrea Roselen Ciak	Daniel and Lily R. Ciak
Aug.	11	Louis Edward Conte	Joseph J. and Rita J. Conte
Aug.	11	Gary Stephen Randall	James F. and Georgia Randall
Aug.	13	Daniel Edward Hebert	Homer E. and Mary A. Hebert
Aug.	13	Robert David Roper Diver	Frederick R. and Leonia Diver
Aug.	14	James Michael Horniak	Bernard John and Ruth Horniak
Aug.	15	Mark Mower Sweeney	Richard M. and Jean J. Sweeney
Aug.	17	Moirra Ann Walsh	William T. and Barbara A. Walsh
Aug.	18	Sandra Frances Lutat	Emil A. and Helen F. Lutat
Aug.	18	Gilbert Frank Morris	Herbert E. and Lucy M. Morris

Aug.	19	Cynthia Florence Liquori	John and Geraldine R. Liquori
Aug.	19	Cherlyn Darlene Loomis	Stanley B. and Ruth A. Loomis
Aug.	20	Richard Allen Fay	David H. and Lucy Fay
Aug.	20	Thomas Gerard McDonough	Thomas F. and Ann M. McDonough
Aug.	23	Kathleen Anne Letellier	Brandon N. and Kathleen V. Letellier
Aug.	26	Roland Joseph Roberts, Jr.	Roland J. and Huguette A. Roberts
Aug.	29	Mary Ann Klimaj	Bernard M. and Jean Klimaj
Aug.	31	Mark Christofori	Daniel A. and Rose M. Christofori
Aug.	31	Gary Joseph DeSimone	Stephen R., Sr. and Lottie F. DeSimone
Sept.	5	Ann Elizabeth Curto	Anthony E. and Lena J. Curto
Sept.	7	Elena Marie Lovotti	Louis J. and Mildred Lovotti
Sept.	8	Susan Anne Edwards	A. Stanley and Nancy A. Edwards
Sept.	8	David Frank Carney	Wadis F. and Frances G. Carney
Sept.	8	Martin Michael Radewick	Alexander, Jr. and Katherine Radewick
Sept.	8	Marilyn Rose McCobb	Perry A. and Rose McCobb
Sept.	10	David Eugene Walker	David B. and Dorothy E. Walker
Sept.	11	Wayne Brown Gates, Jr.	Wayne B. and Jessie E. Gates
Sept.	11	Gary Alan Carlsson	Harold Leland and Geraldine Enola Carlsson
Sept.	12	Jeanne Marie Messier	Robert A. and Rosemary A. Messier
Sept.	12	Kenneth Edward Wilson	Neil H. and Bernice I. Wilson
Sept.	12	David Raymond Brandoli	Raymond A. and Ersilia M. Brandoli
Sept.	14	Stephen Kent Atwater	Harold C., Jr. and Elizabeth A. Atwater
Sept.	14	Glenn Adam Tatro	Paul A. and Lucille E. Tatro
Sept.	15	Bruce William Colburn	Richard W. and Doris E. Colburn
Sept.	15	Barbara Jean Rudd	Harold and Elizabeth Rudd
Sept.	16	Armand Albert Souliere	Wesley J. and Claire S. Souliere
Sept.	23	Brian Edward O'Connor	Charles G. and P. Doris O'Connor
Sept.	23	Ann Elizabeth Hess	Thomas D. and Frances A. Hess
Sept.	24	Debra Gail Whitehead	Thomas E. and Anita E. Whitehead
Sept.	25	Alphonse Arthur Morassi	Alphonse A. and Adeline Morassi
Sept.	25	Susan Eleanore Kerr	Arthur W. and Anne L. Kerr
Sept.	25	Albert Charles Settembro	Albert J. and Albina R. Settembro
Sept.	25	Jacqueline Ann Sobinski	Adam Michael and Bernice Marion Sobinski
Sept.	26	Mark Armstrong Fisher	Roy D. and Jean L. Fisher
Sept.	26	Carol Frances Zanchi	Stanley W. and Gertrude E. Zanchi
Sept.	27	Richard Allan Nardi	Armondo J. and Mildred F. Nardi
Sept.	28	Cheryl Ann Marrewa	Harry E. and Madeline A. Marrewa
Sept.	30	Ronald Steven Case	William J. and Floriana Case
Oct.	2	Paul Dudley Housman	Dudley P. and Betty A. Housman
Oct.	3	Willian Charles Scott	Russell L. and Mary A. Scott
Oct.	9	Richard Elton LaFlamme	Raymond L. and Shirley Jean LaFlamme
Oct.	10	Ann-Marie Valenti	James D. and Yvette H. Valenti
Oct.	10	Brian Edward Novak	Edward John and Valeria Marion Novak
Oct.	11	Albert Paul Ricco	Dominick J. and Josephine L. Ricco
Oct.	12	Barbara Jean Bellefleur	John N. and Jeannette Bellefleur
Oct.	13	Kenneth Charles Kelley	Eugene E., Jr. and Teresa A. Kelley
Oct.	13	Kathy Ann Quinn	James and Marion Quinn
Oct.	15	Elaina Curran	Joseph J. and Lois E. Curran

Oct. 16	Stuart Kerrick Carter	Charles W. and Priscilla W. Carter
Oct. 16	Joseph Albert Dynia	Ted E. and Helen M. Dynia
Oct. 19	Nancy Karen Biza	Frank J. and Helen Biza
Oct. 22	Laurie Alice Ryer	Harold and Helen A. Ryer
Oct. 23	Joseph Augustus Della-Giustina, Jr.	Joseph A. and Jennie Della-Giustina
Oct. 26	Gary Charles Wrisley	Robert L. and Elizabeth Wrisley
Oct. 27	Alan Grant Waddell	Walter G. and Shirley L. Waddell
Oct. 28	David Francis Romanko	Michael and Mary E. Romanko
Oct. 29	Roger Alvin Matheson	James A. and Matilda Matheson
Oct. 31	Michael John Robinson	Donald H. and Mary R. Robinson
Nov. 1	Karen John Czaplicki	Leonard J. and Jean Czaplicki
Nov. 1	Bruno Donald Squazza	Bruno and Phyllis Squazza
Nov. 1	Nancy Elizabeth Leger, Jr.	Leo J., Jr. and Marion L. Leger
Nov. 2	Russell Stuart Clark	Harold L. and Eloise D. Clark
Nov. 2	Edward Arthur Remington	Roland R. and Lucille E. Remington
Nov. 2	Alan Denis Rosner	Frederick H. and May M. Rosner
Nov. 3	Jeffrey Morris Sachs	Martin William and Jean Marie Sachs
Nov. 6	Nancy Mary Preston	Wallace M. and Dorothy C. Preston
Nov. 6	Joaquin Edward Serrano-Ruiz	Joaquin and Laurain L. SerranoRuiz
Nov. 6	Arthur Alvin Handy, 3rd	Arthur A., Jr. and Jean Handy
Nov. 7	John George Steadward, Jr.	John G. and Rose A. Steadward
Nov. 8	Sandra Ann Swanson	Clarence and Shirley Swanson
Nov. 8	Gary Allen Safford	Stewart R. and Jean B. Safford
Nov. 9	Charles Marshall Reid, Jr.	Charles M. and Rita A. Reid
Nov. 9	Mary Alice Trimboli	Frank Samuel and Sybil Trimboli
Nov. 10	Nickolas Wayne Lascala	Melvin J. and Gloria M. Lascala
Nov. 11	John Arthur Fijlakowski	Stanley and Joan Fijlakowski
Nov. 13	Thomas Charles Hegarty	Charles H. and Anne M. Hegarty
Nov. 14	Michael Thomas Monaghan	John F. and Alice M. Monaghan
Nov. 17	Sharon Marie Suffriti	Edward D. and Enola A. Suffriti
Nov. 18	Clifford James Gibson, Jr.	Clifford J. and Madeline L. Gibson
Nov. 25	Anita Maria Lynch	Raymond F. and Ellen A. Lynch
Nov. 25	Andrew David Clark	Harold F. and Shirley E. B. Clark
Nov. 25	Renee' Vivian Pigeon	H. Lionel and Doris Pigeon
Nov. 25	Lynn Carammazza	James J. and Bernice Caramazza
Nov. 26	Sandra Lee Whittington	Thomas E., Jr. and Elsie M. Whittington
Nov. 27	Jeanne Vincens	Richard F. and Jeannette D. Vincens
Nov. 28	Claire Ashley Melanson	Raymond L. and Doris Melanson
Nov. 28	Cynthia Lee Grasso	Alfred M. and Irene G. Grasso
Nov. 28	Robert Harry Marchese	Robert H. and Jean L. Marchese
Nov. 29	Linda Ann Freeman	William S. and Lucille Freeman
Dec. 2	Paul Michael Cirillo	Arthur J. and Irene S. Cirillo
Dec. 4	Deborah Ann Thompson	Charles J. and Claire E. Thompson
Dec. 6	Beverly Gail Rossi	Edward J. and Eleanor M. Rossi
Dec. 7	Sandra Alice Yelinek	Charles E. and Yvette J. Yelinek
Dec. 7	David Bruce Warren	Frederick Winslow and Phyllis Rowena Warren

Dec.	8	Robert Stephen Bilodeau	Robert Donald and Claire Alyce Bilodeau
Dec.	10	Mary Ann Silvestrini	Anthony A. and Pierina T. Silvestrini
Dec.	10	Diane Lynn Francis	Edmond R. and Veronica Francis
Dec.	10	John Philip Capitanio	Francis G. and Marie Capitanio
Dec.	15	Thomas Anthony Kosak	Anthony J. and Elizabeth A. Kosak
Dec.	15	Raymond Richard Weber	Robert C. and Pearl Weber
Dec.	18	Richard Bernard Jones	Clark W. and Rita M. Jones
Dec.	18	Laraya Louise LeBer	Edward L. and Kathleen E. LeBer
Dec.	18	Linda Diane McLaughlin	Edwin J. and Betty J. McLaughlin
Dec.	18	Susan Veronica Phillips	William H. and Veronica R. Phillips
Dec.	21	Ronald John Bielinski	John P., Jr. and Lillian Bielinski
Dec.	23	John Alan Robertson	John J., Jr. and Gilda R. Robertson
Dec.	24	Lawrence Taylor Cusson	Theodore J. and Edna V. Cusson
Dec.	30	Linda Louise Farnsworth	Merwyn B. and Phyllis B. Farnsworth

Marriages Registered in Agawam For the Year 1953

Date and Place	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence
Jan. 3 Springfield	Paul Diduk Gwendolyn Joan Perkins	Agawam Agawam
Jan. 9 Agawam	Frank Oscar Barile, Jr. Judith Anne Pierce	Hartford, Ct. Hartford, Ct.
Jan. 10 Springfield	William James Sullivan Barbara Jean Foley	Agawam Springfield
Jan. 12 Springfield	John Montgomery Schwartz Elizabeth Agnes LaBine	Agawam Springfield
Jan. 31 Agawam	John Alec Phillips Helen Audrey Godek	Suffield, Ct. Agawam
Feb. 8 Springfield	Anthony Stanley Cieplik Helen Katherine Ramah	Springfield Agawam
Feb. 12 Springfield	Donald George Holland Elaine Louise Rackliffe	Springfield Agawam
Feb. 14 Springfield	Charles Wayne Stevens Adele Shibley Lloyd	Agawam Agawam
Feb. 14 Agawam	Bernard Francis Seladones June Ann Miller	Brockton, Pa. Agawam
Feb. 14 Westfield	Daniel Edward Coffey Shirley June Glidden	Westfield Agawam
Feb. 14 Agawam	John Noel Brusseau Jean Ethel Demarais	Agawam Agawam
Feb. 18 Chicopee	Walter Myron Rickert Elsiejane Marie Mortimer	Agawam Springfield
Feb. 19 Agawam	Kenneth Basil Hilliard Justine Frances Sokolowski	Manchester, Ct. Willimantic, Ct.
Feb. 28 West Springfield	Donald Roy Fuller Mae Blossom MacGillivray	Agawam W. Springfield
March 6 Agawam	John Peter Rock Dorothy Ann Harrison	Springfield Agawam
March 7 West Springfield	Richard Louis Daglio Kathleen Agnes Moran	Agawam W. Springfield
March 14 Agawam	Homer Ellsworth Flowers Geraldine Marie Simpson	Hancock, Md. Agawam
March 16 Agawam	Charles Albert Peloquin Ruth Dorothy Miller	Springfield Springfield
March 24 Springfield	Robert George Fearn Muriel Ruth Wood	Agawam Springfield
April 6 West Springfield	Robert Henry Andruss Marie Ann DeMaio	Agawam Agawam
April 6 Chicopee	John Liquori Geraldine R. Giorgiole	Agawam W. Springfield
April 11 West Springfield	Kenneth Earl Leger Margaret C. Roy	Agawam W. Springfield

April 11	Edward T. Lynch, Jr.	Springfield
Agawam	Shirley A. Mazza	Agawam
April 11	William E. Larabee	Springfield
Agawam	Barbara A. Ide	Agawam
April 16	Charles R. Avezzie	Agawam
Chicopee	Elizabeth M. J. Gill	Springfield
April 18	Norman R. Wood	Agawam
West Springfield	Cecile D. Apps	W. Springfield
April 18	Lawrence E. Regnier	Agawam
Agawam	Helen A. Kusiak	Agawam
April 21	Philip J. Adamchek	Springfield
Springfield	Edith M. Marinetti	Agawam
April 25	John N. Shibley	Agawam
West Springfield	Barbara M. Bryant	W. Springfield
April 25	Ernest A. Serra	Agawam
Wheelwright	Marlene L. Duval	Wheelwright
April 25	Arthur W. Mundt	Agawam
Westfield	Jean A. Symancyk	Westfield
April 27	Marcel L. Paquette	Agawam
Chicopee	Mary A. Lesik	Agawam
April 20	Richard S. Finsen	Southwick
Agawam	Dolores J. LaRiviere	Agawam
April 25	George Draghetti	Agawam
Springfield	Irene J. Dynerski	Agawam
April 25	Thomas J. Langlois	Agawam
Agawam	Grace B. Duffy	Agawam
May 2	Michael Glowacky	N. York City
Agawam	Phyllis I. Montagna	Agawam
May 4	Peter Frangie	Agawam
Chicopee	Jennie Frangie	Agawam
May 5	Frederick H. Rosner	Springfield
Agawam	May M. Martin	Agawam
May 8	Judson W. Hastings, Jr.	Agawam
Agawam	Nancy G. Pond	Agawam
May 9	Renzo Balboni	Agawam
Springfield	Celia J. Campagnari	Agawam
May 12	Kenneth A. Henry	Springfield
Agawam	Dorothy M. Moore	Manchester, Ct.
May 16	Frank A. Grimaldi	Andover, Ct.
Palmer	Eleanor C. Barlow	Agawam
May 16	Michael Spinelli	West Springfield
Agawam	Mary Repossi	Springfield
May 23	Joseph L. Nacewicz	Agawam
Springfield	Jean V. Waniewski	Agawam
May 23	Robert L. Hastings	Agawam
West Springfield	Gloria M. Dery	W. Springfield
May 23	Harold E. DeShane	Agawam
Agawam	Marcella Barber	Agawam
May 23	David L. Davenport	Agawam
Agawam	Barbara D. Little	Springfield
May 28	William Mueller	Agawam
Westfield	Melba F. Gallerani	Agawam
May 30	William F. Kelly	Agawam
Springfield	Elaine J. St. Martin	Springfield

May 30	Agawam	Victor M. Breene	Taunton
June 4	Springfield	Norma M. Wylie	Agawam
June 6	Springfield	Clarence D. Clark	Independence, Miss.
June 6	Springfield	Mildred A. Taylor	Agawam
June 6	Springfield	John A. Tricinella	Agawam
June 6	Springfield	Frances C. Russo	Longmeadow
June 6	Springfield	Charles T. Hare	Agawam
June 6	Springfield	Mary T. Krumsiek	Springfield
June 6	Springfield	William E. Brennan	Bridgeport, Ct.
June 6	Springfield	Helen M. Barlow	Agawam
June 6	Springfield	Alphonse H. DeDeurwaeder, Jr.	Springfield
June 6	Agawam	Marjorie M. Masucci	Agawam
June 6	Agawam	George J. Olesuk	W. Springfield
June 6	Agawam	Beverly M. Stewart	Agawam
June 6	Agawam	George H. Seiffert, Jr.	York, Pa.
June 6	Agawam	Evelyn A. Krygowski	Agawam
June 6	Agawam	Richard W. Yeomans, Jr.	E. Longmead'w
June 7	Springfield	Doris M. Gillette	Agawam
June 13	Agawam	Nelson G. Paige	Springfield
June 20	Southwick	Josephine M. Green	Agawam
June 20	Agawam	Leonard F. Gates	Agawam
June 20	Agawam	Dorothy Denver	Springfield
June 20	Agawam	Clifford P. Kibbe	Agawam
June 20	Agawam	Virginia R. Garcia	Southwick
June 20	Agawam	Robert G. Morin	Springfield
June 20	Agawam	Lillian M. Jaycox	Agawam
June 20	Agawam	Theodore A. Carpenter	Springfield
June 20	Agawam	Pauline Dickinson	Agawam
June 20	Agawam	Edward J. Mason	Agawam
June 20	Agawam	Mary E. Harrison	W. Springfield
June 20	Agawam	Harold O. Haglund	Springfield
June 26	Suffield, Ct.	Martha E. Pintelli	Agawam
June 27	Springfield	Robert Hynes	Agawam
June 27	Springfield	Anne M. Scott	Agawam
June 27	Springfield	Clarence A. Buzzell	Agawam
June 27	Springfield	Jean L. Williston	Springfield
June 27	Springfield	Roger A. Richards	Agawam
June 27	Springfield	Charlotte M. Clark	Springfield
June 27	Springfield	Louis V. Manzi	Springfield
June 28	Springfield	Gloria C. Halchek	Agawam
July 4	Agawam	Peter C. Annone	Agawam
July 4	Agawam	Joyce M. DeSieno	Agawam
July 5	Springfield	Joseph L. Cicotte, Jr.	W. Springfield
July 11	Springfield	Mary R. Losito	Agawam
July 15	Springfield	Albert Ramah	Agawam
Aug. 8	Agawam	Joyce D. LeClair	Springfield
Aug. 8	Agawam	Joseph P. O'Brien	Agawam
Aug. 8	Agawam	Carmel T. Mascola	Springfield
Aug. 8	Agawam	David P. Meyer	Agawam
Aug. 8	Agawam	Cynthia A. Houghtaling	Housatonic
Aug. 8	Agawam	Clarence H. Philbrick, Jr.	W. Springfield
Aug. 8	Agawam	Beverly D. Case	Agawam
Aug. 8	Agawam	Robert F. Hersey	Agawam
Aug. 8	Agawam	Dorothy M. Charron	Easthampton

Aug. 19	Agawam	Harold F. Marr	Windsor, Ct.
Aug. 22	Springfield	Virginia F. Blake	Manchester, Ct
Aug. 29	Agawam	Francis J. Maloney	Agawam
Aug. 30	Agawam	Kathleen F. Foley	Springfield
Aug. 31	Agawam	Bruce J. Anderson	Agawam
Sept. 5	Agawam	Frances C. Cirillo	Agawam
Sept. 5	Holyoke	Earl C. Beauregard	Blandford
Sept. 5	Easthampton	Avis E. Bridge	Agawam
Sept. 5	Springfield	Raymond E. Runnells	Warehouse Pt.
Sept. 7	Agawam	Lillian R. Beeching	Agawam
Sept. 7	Agawam	Raphael Scarpa	Agawam
Sept. 7	Agawam	Mildred D. Murray	Holyoke
Sept. 7	Springfield	Ronald E. Gibbs	Agawam
Sept. 8	Agawam	Alice P. Kuniey	Easthampton
Sept. 12	Westfield	Norman E. Millette, Jr.	Agawam
Sept. 12	Chicopee Falls	Lena M. Nelson	Springfield
Sept. 12	Springfield	Felix M. Losito	Agawam
Sept. 26	Agawam	Theresa A. Paro	Agawam
Oct. 3	Agawam	Donald Laforce	Holyoke
Oct. 10	Agawam	Rita Ida Tessicini	Agawam
Oct. 10	Agawam	Fred F. Heiger	Agawam
Oct. 10	Agawam	Eleanor A. Zucco	Agawam
Oct. 10	Agawam	Eugene W. Menard	Windsor, Ct.
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Janet L. Graywacz	Windsor, Ct.
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Gilbert T. Drake	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Janice L. Blanchard	Westfield
Oct. 10	West Springfield	John R. Tortoriello	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Constance J. Viens	Chicopee Falls
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Ronald L. Coolbeth	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Alice K. Telmose	Springfield
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Richard A. Cross	W. Springfield
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Betty P. Bonavita	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Bernard E. Campbell	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Claire M. Knapik	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	John J. Bercier	W. Springfield
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Adele S. Farina	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Horace F. Troie	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Thelma U. M. Goyette	W. Springfield
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Robert C. Castelli	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Lois M. Frodema	W. Springfield
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Ernest L. Verbeck	Flint, Mich.
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Rena E. Montagna	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	James P. Wright	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Dorothy M. Ryland	Springfield
Oct. 10	West Springfield	James E. Wescott	Westfield
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Elizabeth N. Zilli	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Donald J. Phillips	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Janice N. A. Pike	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Edward A. Letendre	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Theresa M. Casanova	Springfield
Oct. 10	West Springfield	James C. Atwater	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Ruth O. Pike	Springfield
Oct. 10	West Springfield	James J. Santillo	Agawam
Oct. 10	West Springfield	Eileen T. Manning	Springfield

Oct. 24	John S. Cesan	Agawam
Agawam	Betty A. Dunn	Agawam
Oct. 24	Stuart A. Kibbe, Jr.	Agawam
Agawam	Shirley A. Carr	Springfield
Oct. 24	Richard C. Fuller	Agawam
Agawam	Claudette L. LaChapelle	Agawam
Oct. 25	Michael G. Green	Agawam
Springfield	Anna M. Mason	Agawam
Oct. 31	Nicholas Santinello	Agawam
Agawam	Pauline M. Sonoski	Chicopee Falls
Oct. 31	Joseph Luccardi	Agawam
Agawam	Anna M. Piazza	Agawam
Nov. 7	Robert J. Tolbert	Agawam
Springfield	Jane A. Blossom	Agawam
Nov. 7	Raymond R. Chyba	Agawam
West Springfield	Rita M. Murray	W. Springfield
Nov. 12	Robert J. Lorenz	W. Springfield
West Springfield	Gail R. Peeso	Agawam
Nov. 14	Edward H. LaRiviere	Agawam
Agawam	Bobbie A. Cameron	Agawam
Nov. 14	Gerald E. Jenks	Agawam
Agawam	Rose M. Stucklen	Agawam
Nov. 18	Raymond P. Davis	Agawam
Springfield	Estelle H. Gibeau	Springfield
Nov. 21	John F. Albano	Springfield
Agawam	Jean M. Durant	Agawam
Nov. 26	Brady Delroy Snyder	Agawam
Agawam	Venetta L. Montagna	Agawam
Nov. 28	Frank R. Caroleo	Agawam
Agawam	Marie A. Keeley	Agawam
Nov. 28	Walter C. Soverow	Agawam
Springfield	Rita J. Juber	Springfield
Nov. 28	Walter Anton Meissner, Jr.	Agawam
Springfield	Elizabeth A. Conway	Springfield
Dec. 12	Felipe Guzman	Agawam
Agawam	Anita A. Avery	Agawam
Dec. 19	James French Porter	Agawam
Springfield	Evelyn M. Mundt	Agawam
Dec. 19	William W. Fuller	Agawam
Agawam	Jacqueline A. Guertin	Springfield
Dec. 26	Peter J. Baruffaldi	Agawam
Chicopee	Barbara A. Majgier	Chicopee Falls

Deaths Registered in Agawam For the Year 1953

Date of Death	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
Jan. 4	Mary Grace (Pugliano) Mastroianni	42			Bronchopneumonia
Jan. 5	Marion M. Leger	49			Carcinoma
Jan. 14	Helen T. Haggerty	57			Carcinoma
Jan. 15	Antonio Benotti	58			Adenocarcinoma
Jan. 18	Leo Loncrini	76			Arteriosclerosis
Jan. 20	John Avondo	60	8	15	Coronary Occlusion
Jan. 30	Constance Jezerski	76			Cerebral Hemorrhage
Feb. 2	Theresa Hardina	79			Coronary Thrombosis
Feb. 2	Adelard Perusse	77			Cardio Vasc Collapse
Feb. 2	Louisa J. Flechsig	73	8	15	Cachexia
Feb. 10	Joseph H. Julien	68			Coronary Thrombosis
Feb. 17	Anna J. Ambrose	68	4	1	Cachexia
Feb. 19	Fred B. Davis, Jr.	46			Cerebral Hemorrhage
Mar. 3	Acalgisa Forni	60			Acute Cardiac Failure
Mar. 7	Ernest J. Mudge	78	10	21	Coronary Thrombosis
Mar. 8	Vincenzo Moccio	82			Parkinson's disease
Mar. 10	Harry F. Egbert	54	2	11	Cardio Vasc Collapse
Mar. 11	Kathleen Daglio	18			Natural causes
Mar. 17	Angelo Cimaroli	60			Bronchopneumonia
Mar. 24	Margaret Smith	53			Carcinoma
Mar. 26	Frank F. Colli	64			Cerebral Hemorrhage
April 1	Fred L. Roberts	71	11	11	Pulmonary Edema
April 4	George LeClair	52			Carcinoma
April 8	Horace Baker	89	5	11	Uremia
April 8	Mabel Bardwell	70			Cachexia
April 12	James S. Monteiro	1	4		
April 16	Albert Delevo	40	11	17	Bronchopneumonia
April 19	Cecelia M. Lareau	75			Carcinoma
April 19	Eugene Mutti	79			Cerebral Hemorrhage
April 19	Anna Montagna	72			Cerebral Thrombosis
April 23	Anna K. Fitzgerald	70			Debility
April 25	Matilda Frankowski	83	1	11	Cerebral Hemorrhage
April 30	Susan McLaughlin	80	4	21	Cerebral Thrombosis
May 4	Cecile Badone	46	4	26	Mitral insufficiency
May 4	Walter H. Chambers	63			Hypertension
May 5	Carl Sigvard West	42	2	10	Suicide
May 15	Thomas F. McGrath	80			Arteriosclerosis
May 16	Mildred I. Spears	71	2	7	Coronary Thrombosis
May 17	Charles W. Cross	80			Arteriosclerosis
May 19	Walter J. Powers	41			Drowning
May 26	Edgar Russell Taylor	75	3	18	Coronary Occlusion
June 1	Emma H. Cooper	76		11	Myocarditis
June 6	Chauncey F. Wilson	76	6		Cerebral Hemorrhage

June	9	Theresa T. Geiger	53			Coronary Thrombosis
June	10	Dominick P. Moccio	48			Coronary Thrombosis
June	10	Mary M. Letellier	72			Bronchopneumonia
June	12	Catherine M. Ferry	74	3	28	Peritonitis
June	19	Nelson Gilbert King	89	9	22	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
June	20	Matilda Voudren	84	2	10	Chronic Myocarditis
June	20	William J. Hanley	71	3		Acute Myocardial Infraction
June	20	Agnes G. Daigle	62	11	24	Arteriosclerosis
June	22	Lucy T. Bonomi	70			Cardio Vascular Collapse
June	25	Catherine Ellen Moriarty	39			Hemorrhage
June	28	Junius Sias	79			Coronary Thrombosis
June	30	Emile F. Messier	36		22	Dissecting Aneurysm thoracic & abdominal aorta
July	3	Frederick M. Madenski	30			Acute Cardiac Failure
July	12	Elizabeth B. Andruss	53			Coronary Thrombosis
July	16	Frances M. Esner	80			Coronary Infarction
July	21	Florence E. Gowen	61			Uremia
July	28	Eleanor C. Whitman	33	11	16	Bulbar Poliomyelitis
July	30	Maria P. Borgatti	75			Cerebral Thrombosis
Aug.	7	Leonard Francis Belcher	15			Drowning
Aug.	11	Adolphus Provost	73			Cerebro Vascular Hemorrhage
Aug.	11	Ellen L. Bye	73	2	10	Carcinoma
Aug.	12	Bernardo Viccelli	78			Cerebral Hemorrhage
Aug.	14	Joseph H. Roy	59			Coronary Thrombosis
Aug.	15	Angeline Woodworth	85			Thrombosis
Aug.	17	Kenneth W. Smith	29			Pituitary Tumor
Aug.	24	Luther Martin	37	9	29	Drowning
Aug.	27	James G. Armstrong, Jr.	33	7	7	Carcinoma
Sept.	1	Thomas P. Finnegan	72			Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
Sept.	5	Ernest J. Donovan	54			Carcinoma
Sept.	9	Fred E. Patno	59	11	10	Carcinoma
Sept.	15	George S. Barden	86	3	6	Cardiac Failure
Sept.	16	John A. Zimmerman	70	1	26	Coronary Thrombosis
Sept.	21	Frank E. Leonard	59			Carcinoma
Sept.	24	Augusta L. Masi	54			Coronary Thrombosis
Sept.	29	Dorothy M. Hall	70	4	6	Cerebral Thrombosis
Oct.	6	Josephine G. LaRiviere	86	10	26	Cerebral Embolism
Oct.	9	Timothy J. Foley	72	11	10	Broncho Pneumonia
Oct.	9	Eva M. Kennedy	72			Cardio Vascular Failure
Oct.	11	Jenevieve F. Hill	79			Coronary Thrombosis
Oct.	19	James E. Dwyer, Jr.	19	1	19	Pneumonitis
Oct.	19	Peter Frangcia	76			Suffocation from smoke
Oct.	26	Charles A. Wood	84			Bronchopneumonia
Nov.	4	Raymond D. Lewis	63	7	23	Carcinoma
Nov.	12	Raymond H. Menard	54			Coronary Thrombosis
Nov.	15	William J. Westcott	57	8	11	Coronary Thrombosis
Nov.	18	Mary S. Bovat	63	8	12	Acute Cardiac Decompensation
Nov.	19	Frank J. Minkler	87	1	21	Myocardial Failure
Nov.	27	Myrtle I. Ashe	75			Coronary Thrombosis

Nov.	27	Johanna Amanti	65	3	6	Carcinoma
Nov.	29	Lena G. Bassi	65			Coronary Occlusion
Nov.	30	Alfred Dumond	80			Carcinoma
Dec.	5	Vicki Ann Gries	6	1	6	Edema
Dec.	15	Ruth M. Ahern	59	6	5	Carcinoma
Dec.	15	Georgia L. Hifernan	67			Cerebral Hemorrhage
Dec.	16	Belle E. Moccio	73	8	7	Hypertensive Heart Disease
Dec.	20	Ada D. Lewis	86			Bronchopneumonia
Dec.	24	Carrie G. Charlton	92	9	12	Cardio Vasc Failure
Dec.	29	Peter Grimaldi	72			Carcinoma

Report of the Town Nurse

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The total number of nursing calls made was 3,492. These calls consisted of bedside care, dressings, injections of all types, teaching home nursing at home, pre-post-natal care, bathing new babies, teaching mothers how to make formulas, and numerous other calls which come under the nurses department such as inspection of nursery home, etc.

All the above are done under written orders by doctors in charge of case.

Our Well Baby Conference Clinic is doing wonderful under the fine supervision of Dr. Mildred Hausman, whom we are most fortunate to have as our clinic doctor. We had 23 clinics. They are held every other Wednesday from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Appointments must be made.

Total visits made by babies to clinic	526
Total of triple antigen booster given	108
Total of vaccination given	121
Total of triple antigen completed	62
Diphtheria and tetanus	1
Tetanus	1

Every resident in town is entitled to this free service.

I would like to thank all voluntary ladies who have given so generously of their time to drive or work in the clinic room. Mrs. Cascella and I are most grateful to these people's help.

The 3 Tetanus Immunization Clinics were held at the Agawam High School on April 2, May 7, June 2. Total of children immunized were 334. This clinic was sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club. Dr. Tate was in charge of the clinic, with the assistance of Miss O'Brien, Mrs. Cascella and myself. On September 22 I met with Dr. Tate and Miss O'Brien in the boys' gym and 33 boys received tetanus injections. These included the football players. In October and November 3 of

these boys completed their shots in my office. On June 30 the highway and sewer men were given their typhoid booster shots.

There were 344 contagious diseases.

Thirty-one appointments were made to the different hospitals in Springfield.

The Agawam Health Council is in its fifth year. There were 4 business meetings and a dinner meeting. The governing board has held 4 meetings this year. At these meetings the nurses' reports were read and accepted.

Miss Margaret Sullivan, state supervisor, has made four visits to our office.

We were most fortunate in having Mrs. Fred Egbert, a Springfield Hospital graduate, relieve us for our vacation. She is an excellent nurse and was well liked by our patients.

Mrs. Cascella and I attended 4 very interesting lectures at the Springfield Hospital and Bay State Society on new methods in dealing with the cerebral palsy child. These lectures were sponsored by the State in Service Staff Education. Miss Sullivan was chairman.

The Red Cross Blood Mobile Unit came to Agawam on October 29, 1953, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Church Hall. Total number of appointments made was 192. Total number of pints of blood collected was 144. We had 19 absentees and 29 medical rejects. The success of this blood bank is due to the following key workers: Mrs. James Chandler, Mrs. Henry Gibson, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. Justin Hyland and Mrs. Lawrence Scherpa and all their co-workers.

Our loaning cupboard has been very active throughout the year.

Two trips were made to Monson State Hospital with clothing and toys. We made a tour through the hospital. More town people should go and see what wonderful work is being done at this hospital.

The Congregational Church gave canned foods which was distributed at Thanksgiving time to 6 families. The Lions Club gave money and we made up fruit baskets for the shut-ins.

I feel I was most fortunate to be sent to the Work Shop,

held at Simmons College in Boston, the week of June 21st. I thank all who made this possible.

The Agawam Town Nursing Service provides care and counsel for families when professional assistance is needed, can be given during a brief visit, and a physician is in charge.

In closing I would like to thank all who have been co-operative with my department throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA H. WILLIAMS
Public Health Nurse

Annual Report
of the
School Committee
and the
Superintendent of Schools
of the Town of
Agawam, Massachusetts



For the Year Ending December 31,

1953

Agawam Public Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Paul J. Adams, Chairman	1956
Katherine G. Danahy, Secretary	1954
Richard Taylor	1954
Elizabeth Pond	1955
Dr. Howard N. Simpson	1955
Jerry Zerra	1956

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

George L. Reynolds
Telephone 4-1110
Address: 581 River Road

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

High School Building—8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., School Days
Appointments should be arranged in advance

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY

Barbara J. LaBranch

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1954

Schools open—January 4
Schools close—February 19
Schools open—March 1
Schools close—April 23
Schools open—May 3
Elementary and Junior High Schools close—June 18
Senior High School closes—June 25
Schools open—September 8
Schools close—December 23

NO SCHOOL DAYS

April 16—Good Friday
April 19—Patriot's Day
May 31—Memorial Day
October 12—Columbus Day
October 22—Hampden County Teachers' Association Convention
November 11—Armistice Day
November 24-25—Thanksgiving Recess

HOURS OF SESSIONS

Senior High School

9:00 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.
1:15 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Junior High School

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
12:45 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Elementary Schools

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon*
1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.*

*A few variations are made in the elementary hours in the individual schools in order to accommodate the children in the cafeterias and to fit bus schedules.

Report of the School Committee

December 31, 1953

To the Citizens of Agawam:

The problems besetting your School Committee are many and to meet them squarely and unflinchingly for the common good of all of our citizens poses no easy task. Your committee, composed of civic-minded citizens, has given freely of its time and talents in its relentless efforts to provide your children with a complete wholesome education worthy of their being. We realize that it is impossible to please everyone and we wish to thank the citizens of Agawam for being so considerate of our attempts to fulfill the duties bestowed upon us; we feel that our election to your committee is a great honor. A solemn oath was taken by each member to properly perform the duties of our office for the best interests of all concerned. This we have done and will continue to do.

The Town of Agawam has experienced unprecedented growth within the last few years. For example, our total enrollment in September, 1949, was 1,677, whereas our total enrollment in September, 1953, was 2,385. The 1953 figure has since increased and as of December 31, 1953, is 2,444. This is an increase of 42%. Our 1949 budget was \$312,651 and our 1953 budget amounted to \$468,626. This is an increase of 49½%.

To cope with the above situation was no small problem considering all the phases necessary to meet these situations, such as increased number of teachers, increases in salaries, more busses, more supplies, and textbooks, etc.

Our schools have grown so rapidly that it has become expedient to add members to our general staff to relieve the Superintendent of certain duties that were retarding his overall function. As a result we appointed Mr. Dudley Bodurtha as supervisor of maintenance and janitorial duties. His duties are many and he has performed them very well. To allow our physical properties to deteriorate through inattention and lack

of proper preventive measures would be pure folly and false economy.

The second appointment was that of Miss Lillian Wermer as Elementary Consultant for the purpose of coordinating and synchronizing the curriculum of our elementary schools. This will bring about a unified system in our schools and promote better efficiency in our programs. She is presently engaged in a large scale program of inestimable value which should reap dividends for our entire system.

A third appointment was that of Mrs. Rupert Kane as a full-time assistant nurse to relieve Miss Mary O'Brien in the performance of her duties to enable her to give more complete coverage to the added areas in her field. Mrs. Kane has added immeasurably to the Health Department and we are now in a position to render complete service to all, which is really a must with over-crowded conditions and increased enrollment now facing us.

Due to increased living costs and competition from other systems, we have raised pay scales of both our regular and substitute teachers. This has brought about a happier, healthier relationship between the members of our staff and the School Department. There have been fewer resignations because of pay differentials. It is also our policy to appoint good substitute teachers, when proven to be such, to places on our regular staff when feasible or possible. Through the efforts and suggestions of the Agawam Health Council we have brought about better conditions in our schools. It has been cooperative and helpful.

The Agawam Council for Public Schools has also been helpful in its suggestions and assistance. Through its efforts, the Adult Education evening school program which is showing continuing success and interest among the townspeople, was inaugurated in September, 1953. The Council was also instrumental in obtaining the approval of the voters for our new high school. Many thanks for their assistance.

We give herewith a brief outline of some of the outstanding items under capital improvements:

New hard surface in back of the present high school.

New bleachers at Memorial Field.

Renovation and improvements at the high school cafeteria.

Sanding and refinishing of the boys' and girls' gymnasiums at the high school.

Improvement of the play yard at the Peirce School, with anticipated improvement to bring about a more satisfactory condition.

A continuation of a broad program of painting and installation of new lights, etc.

Your School Committee belongs to the Massachusetts School Committees Associations and representatives have attended area meetings and participated in panel discussions. Mrs. Elizabeth Pond is a member of the Executive Committee, Current Nominating Committee and the Program Committee for the State Convention to be held at Great Barrington, Massachusetts, in May, 1954. Her contacts through her service on the State Board will prove to be of invaluable assistance to your Agawam schools.

A further step in our community service program was the granting of permission to the Parks and Playgrounds Commission for the use of two additional school yards to aid in the continuation and broadening of their program.

Permission was also given the Little League Baseball Club for the use of part of the Granger School playground area for the establishment of a baseball diamond and necessary appertenances to further the good work they are doing for the younger set. We are happy to have been of assistance in this noble enterprise.

Mr. George Reynolds was appointed Superintendent of your schools in November, 1953. His full-time appointment becomes effective January 1, 1954, and in the interim he is serving in a consulting capacity on a part-time basis without compensation. The School Committee is happy about the choice of Mr. Reynolds and from reports we know that his choice is a popular one. We look forward to a continuance of a broadening educational program for the children and young people in our school system.

Two members of your School Committee are serving on the High School Building Committee. They are Mrs. Elizabeth Pond and Mr. Paul J. Adams. In cooperation with seven other members of that committee, we expect to come up with specifications sometime in April, fate permitting, and call for bids

for the erection of the new high school. Satisfactory progress in this direction has been made to date.

In closing this report, may we thank the members of our staff, our teachers, principals, janitors, town departments and committees, and the boys and girls in our student body for the very fine cooperation they have extended to us during this very trying year.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL J. ADAMS, Chairman
KATHERINE G. DANAHY, Secretary
ELIZABETH POND
DR. HOWARD SIMPSON
RICHARD TAYLOR
JERRY ZERRA

Financial Statement

December 31, 1953

Town Appropriations	\$468,626.49
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EXPENDITURES

General Expense	\$ 12,386.88
Salaries of Teachers, Supervisors and Principals	307,586.50
Textbooks	8,028.21
Stationery and Supplies	10,864.96
Wages of Janitors	27,364.43
Fuel	9,239.62
Janitor's Supplies and Operating expenses	10,935.61
Repairs and Replacements	13,453.63
Libraries	77.99
Health	4,883.96
Transportation	33,794.28
Tuition — Trade School	6,035.74
Insurance	6,236.09
Miscellaneous Expense	1,347.75
Memorial Field	436.38
Outlay—Building, Grounds & Equip. Agriculture	4,781.59
Vocational Household Arts	5,050.07
High School Athletics	2,502.68
Adult Education	2,282.86
Travel Outside Commonwealth	654.00
	137.03

\$468,080.26

1953 Carry Over Bills	422.29
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\$468,502.55

Paid by Federal Funds:

Smith-Hughes and

George-Barden Funds

for Agriculture \$450.29

Total Expenditures from Town

Appropriation \$468,052.26

COST OF SCHOOLS TO THE TOWN

Total Expenditures by the Town	\$468,502.55
Returns to the Town on account of schools, but not returnable to the School Department	
From the State:	
School Funds and State Aid for	
Public Schools	\$ 75,632.65
For Transportation of Pupils	18,755.29
For Agricultural Instruction	2,321.95
For Voc. Household Arts Instruct'n	1,210.64
On account of Trade Sch'l Tuition	2,500.51
Tuition and Trans. of State Wards	2,215.36
Tuition received from other Towns	1,169.05
Rec'd from Manual Training Dept. ..	421.64
Rec'd from Rental of School Prop.	185.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	81.68
	<hr/> \$104,493.77
Amount paid for Schools from Local Taxation	<hr/> \$364,008.78

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

December 31, 1953

To the Members of the School Committee and to
the Citizens of the Town of Agawam:

I, herewith, submit my first report as your Superintendent of Schools.

Due to the brevity of my tenure of office, this report will not be as inclusive and far reaching as in past years.

I shall attempt, at all times, to instill all concerned, with the education of our children, with what are believed to be the three greatest virtues of education—love, faith, duty.

These virtues should be interpreted as profound love for our children, abiding faith in our teaching staff, and the composite duty of all to perform, at all times, with utmost sincerity.

SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES

Due to increasing enrollment, it will be necessary to either overcrowd all classrooms in each of our five school buildings or to establish a two platoon system at the Junior-Senior High level.

If the former is accepted, many of the so-called elective subjects will of necessity be abandoned and the pupil-teacher ratio will be so ill proportioned that all will suffer.

If the latter is adopted, most of the sixth grade will be housed with the seventh and eighth grades in a junior school. The high school would meet in separate session. This involves extra transportation expense and a few extra teachers.

This problem is so intense that the administration has appointed a committee of parents, pupils, and teachers under the direction of Mr. Dacey to make a study of all possibilities and report their findings at an early date.

ENROLLMENT TABLE

	Sept. 1952	Sept. 1953	Est. Sept. 1954
Total School Enrollment	2149	2444	2653
School		Dec. 1953	Sept. 1954
Phelps		689	740
Danahy		329	328
Peirce		274	302
Granger		271	281
Junior-Senior High		881	1002
		2444	2653

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS YEAR 1953

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Cash Bal 1-1-53	\$ 386.13	Services & Ass'ts. ..	\$ 260.20
Basketball	824.35	Police	407.00
Football	6,517.60	Officials	574.00
Baseball	103.41	Transportation	507.10
Student Activity		Equipment	1,363.42
Tickets	957.10	Guarantees	850.00
Concessions at		H'dmasters Dues	25.00
Games	37.20	Public Address	
Tournament	60.00	System	60.00
		Janitors	50.00
	<u>\$8,885.79</u>	Bal., Dec. 31, 1953	<u>4,789.07</u>
Bal., Jan. 1, 1954	\$4,789.07		\$8,885.79

BUILDING REPAIRS PLANNED IN 1954

Clifford M. Granger School:

1. Paint cafeteria and kitchen walls and woodwork, one coat
2. Paint walls of hall adjacent to cafeteria entrance, one coat
3. Fertilize lawn and play field

Faolin M. Peirce School:

1. New lights, four classrooms
2. Paint one classroom, two coats
3. Paint boys' toilet room, walls, ceiling, woodwork and toilet enclosures, one coat
4. Replace one drinking fountain
5. Fire alarm system

Katherine G. Danahy School:

1. Paint two classrooms, two coats
2. Paint office ceiling one coat, office walls two coats
3. Install new lights in two classrooms
4. Repair ceiling in one classroom
5. Concrete apron around base of building

Benjamin J. Phelps School:

1. Repair roof
2. Paint office walls, ceiling and woodwork, one coat
3. Paint second floor corridor walls (old building) and two stairwells, two coats
4. Remove backstop and seed old baseball diamond
5. New drapes for auditorium

Junior-Senior High School:

1. Repair mechanism in master clock
2. New water service line
3. Repair girls' gym roof
4. Paint basement corridors, walls and ceilings, both sides, two coats
5. Resurface school department floors, paint baseboards
6. New water piping for boys' and girls' toilet feed lines and drinking fountain feed lines
7. Install janitors' sink in basement corridor
8. Install outside lights over driveway
9. Install new lights in three rooms

**REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH
AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

	1952	1953
Chapter 70 (Teachers' Salaries)	\$ 68,157.65	\$ 75,632.65
Chapter 71 (Transportation)	14,735.00	18,755.29
Agricultural Instruction	2,286.64	2,321.95
Vocational Household Arts	991.79	1,210.64

Trade School Tuition	1,589.59	2,500.51
Tuition & Trans., State Wards	1,813.78	2,215.36
Tuitions from other Towns	1,363.72	1,169.05
Manual Training Department	372.33	421.64
Rentals of School Property	478.50	185.00
Miscellaneous	101.33	81.68
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	\$ 91,890.33	\$104,493.77
Budget Total	420,143.99	468,502.55
Reimbursements	91,890.33	104,493.77
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Cost of Schools to Town	\$328,253.66	\$364,008.78

CONCLUSION

The Townspeople are to be congratulated on their foresight in providing a new high school to be occupied, we expect, in September, 1955.

This move should allow a return to normalcy until at least 1960.

My deepest impression garnered from the few days I have held this office is the tremendous enthusiasm shown by the teaching staff, the administrators, and the students.

You may rest assured that this enthusiasm, directed toward the correct goal, will develop nothing but complete success for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. REYNOLDS

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR OF 1953

	Phelps School	Granger School	Pierce School	Danahy School	High School
Balance, December 31, 1952	\$ 3,307.38	\$ 1,155.34	\$ 85.79	\$ 1,522.12	\$ 2,432.98
RECEIPTS					
All Lunchroom Sales	18,492.86	8,795.00	4,563.20	10,106.35	15,354.66
1952 Claims Received in 1953	538.56	269.84	141.89	323.46	319.21
1953 Claims Due	5,889.19	2,977.36	1,444.58	3,352.58	3,657.61
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE					
FOR YEAR	\$28,227.99	\$13,197.54	\$ 6,235.46	\$15,304.51	\$21,764.49
DISBURSEMENTS	21,940.76	11,725.07	6,010.45	12,632.88	19,325.87
CLAIMS NOT RECEIVED					
.....	6,287.23	1,472.47	225.01	2,671.63	2,438.62
.....	1,317.60	623.49	337.28	635.63	789.16
BALANCE IN SCHOOL LUNCH					
ACCOUNT, DECEMBER 31, 1953	\$4,969.63	\$ 848.98	\$ 112.27	\$ 2,036.00	\$ 1,649.46
Amount in School Lunch Account, December 31, 1953			\$ 9,391.80		
Outstanding Bills Paid on January, 1954 Warrant			4,022.50		
Balance				\$ 5,369.30	

LUNCHES SERVED FOR YEAR OF 1953

	Phelps School		Granger School		Pierce School		Danahy School		High School	
	Type A	Type C	Type A	Type C	Type A	Type C	Type A	Type C	Type A	Type C
January	6583	950	3398	552	1550	1014	4169	617	3637	2234
February	5086	666	2636	467	1082	735	3074	462	2825	1771
March	7195	1433	4000	646	1660	1197	4773	862	4247	2679
April	5513	696	2884	502	1164	897	3511	588	3221	1773
May	6878	783	3576	656	1400	990	4396	702	3851	2090
June	3135	266	1580	260	624	391	1989	320	1915	920
September	6217	1234	3038	628	1311	685	3088	414	3987	2019
October	8498	1579	4047	767	2019	811	4177	586	4499	3089
November	7122	1289	3439	655	1804	668	3477	445	4023	2419
December	7000	1042	3202	635	1626	761	3396	408	3721	2191
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	63,227	9,938	31,800	5,768	14,240	8,149	36,050	5,404	35,926	21,215

	(Milk only)	
	Type A	Type C
Phelps School	63,227	9,938
Granger School	31,800	5,768
Pierce School	14,240	8,149
Danahy School	36,050	5,404
High School	35,926	21,215
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	181,243	50,474

ATTENDANCE REPORT AND ENROLLMENTS FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE PRESENT SCHOOL YEAR

SEPTEMBER 9 — DECEMBER 23, 1953

	Total Mem. bership	Average Mem. bership	Average Daily At- tendance	% At- tendance	Tar. di- ness
High School:					
Senior High III	101	100.47	96.45	95.99	71
Senior High II	113	110.52	103.55	91.24	164
Senior High I	134	131.28	125.63	95.69	72
Junior High III	153	148.57	142.12	96.57	70
Junior High VIII-1	37	36.34	35.28	97.09	11
Junior High VIII-2	39	38.80	36.68	94.56	8
Junior High VIII-3	36	35.32	33.97	96.18	7
Junior High VIII-4	36	33.72	32.84	97.39	5
Junior High VII-1	35	35.00	33.87	96.79	13
Junior High VII-2	34	33.44	32.75	97.92	4
Junior High VII-3	33	32.53	31.65	97.30	2
Junior High VII-4	33	32.04	31.18	92.86	5
Junior High VII-5	33	32.25	31.37	97.25	7
Junior High VII-6	32	31.75	30.87	97.66	4
Special Class	19	17.92	15.98	89.23	21

Faolin M. Peirce School:

Grade VI	39	39.00	37.64	96.52	18
Grade V	37	36.36	35.17	96.74	9
Grade IV	43	39.20	36.81	93.90	5
Grade III	34	32.06	31.11	95.59	3
Grade II-A	30	26.18	24.67	95.22	3
Grade II-B	30	28.39	27.35	96.36	11
Grade I-A	33	32.31	30.30	93.64	0
Grade I-B	35	34.34	31.36	91.31	6

Katherine G. Danahy School:

Grade VI	37	36.81	35.58	96.64	15
Grade V-VI	37	36.09	34.60	95.88	8
Grade V	37	36.31	34.96	96.28	13
Grade IV	41	39.47	38.12	96.58	19
Grade III	39	38.28	36.22	94.61	8
Grade II-A	33	32.40	29.69	91.62	17
Grade II-B	35	34.21	32.24	94.24	12
Grade I-A	29	29.00	26.90	92.76	11

	Total Mem. bership	Average Mem. bership	Average Daily At- tendance	% At- tendance	Tar. di- ness
Grade I-B	31	29.09	27.04	92.98	7
Special Class	15	14.64	13.69	93.46	2
Clifford M. Granger School:					
Grade VI	29	28.53	27.84	97.60	1
Grades V-VI	31	29.23	28.47	92.03	1
Grades IV-V	30	30.00	29.18	97.29	2
Grade IV	31	30.30	28.93	95.47	4
Grade III	37	35.70	34.30	96.06	5
Grade II-A	31	30.16	28.93	95.99	2
Grade II-B	30	29.95	28.80	96.09	0
Grade I-A	30	29.34	27.44	93.52	12
Grade I-B	29	28.82	27.20	94.37	10
Benjamin J. Phelps School:					
Grade VI-A	35	32.11	30.72	95.66	3
Grade VI-B	33	28.24	27.31	96.71	7
Grade VI-C	33	32.40	31.12	96.05	0
Grade V-A	39	37.76	36.19	95.86	3
Grade V-B	41	36.60	35.00	95.63	11
Grade V-C	39	35.63	34.24	96.11	2
Grade IV-A	35	33.80	32.61	96.50	2
Grade IV-B	35	35.00	33.84	96.69	3
Grade IV-C	37	35.43	33.76	95.30	5
Grade III-A	34	32.70	30.90	94.51	1
Grade III-B	33	32.50	31.49	96.88	2
Grade III-C	35	34.17	32.46	95.00	0
Grade II-A	35	32.50	30.79	94.73	1
Grade II-B	35	34.34	31.65	92.16	1
Grade II-C	36	33.06	29.80	90.01	6
Grade II-D	36	33.63	30.32	90.16	0
Grade I-A	36	35.90	32.00	89.14	4
Grade I-B	36	36.00	33.02	91.74	3
Grade I-C	37	35.75	32.70	91.50	0
Grade I-D	36	34.89	31.56	90.46	3
Average Membership for Town	2398.53				
Total Membership for Town	2477				
Average Daily Attendance for Town	2280.21				
Percent Attendance	94.79				
Total Tardiness for Town	725				
Total Membership for Town, December 31, 1952	2255				

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

December 30, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Herein is my sixteenth annual report on the Junior-Senior High School.

GENERAL COMMENT

It is a pleasure to submit this report to you because our long close friendship convinces me that in you the Agawam School System will have a warm, sympathetic, and intelligent administrator who will always have the best interests of the pupils and the teachers at heart. Because of your democratic ideals and kindly nature, your term of office cannot be other than successful.

A comprehensive high school such as this one attempts to provide a program of secondary education for all the town's young people, giving consideration to the great variety of immediate and eventual personal aims and realizations. Some goals can be reached through participation in the curricular presentations alone and others by a combination of curricular and extra curricular offerings. The school then must offer a liberal number of choices so the pupils may select activities commensurate with their particular talents and intellectual capacities.

The program of any school is restricted to its physical equipment and available classroom space. Due to the crowded conditions in this school during the past few years, it has been necessary to curtail the opportunities in some subject areas with a resulting injustice to certain members of the student personnel. The problem will be intensified next year, but it is hoped that an organization can be formed to minimize curtailment of academic presentations.

The townspeople, who have always been generous to the schools, rose to new heights in voting the appropriation of \$2,100,000 for a new four year high school. On its completion

Agawam will have a complete and modern educational plant well equipped to satisfy the needs and desires of pupils on all intellectual levels and types of aptitudes. Orchids to the voters of Agawam.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

It is a pleasure to report that eighteen of the last graduating class were granted membership in the Pro Merito Society. The honor is based on earning an average of 85 per cent or better in all academic presentations for four years. The students whose names follow were those so selected:

Jeffery Atwater	Marion Hess
Daniel Barufaldi	Carol Pallo
Barbara Borgatti	Beverly Pfersick
David Casiello	Betty Schoolcraft
Ellen Claus	Dorothy Stuart
Joyce Dalimont	Ann Tate
Lucille Ferrarini	Geraldine White
James Fogg	Janet Willard
Richard Hall	Robert Hardina

Also a large number of names appeared on the periodic honor rolls, proving a decided interest in academic perfection.

Each year at the commencement exercises it is customary to present awards for proficiency in the various subject areas.

Names of pupils so honored and the respective subjects follow:

- Agriculture—American Agriculturist Foundation—Scroll—Charles Granger
- American Legion School Award—Medal and Certificate—Richard Hall
- American Legion School Award—Certificate of Honorable Mention—Barbara Borgatti
- Art—Agawam Women's Club—\$5—Marlyn Draghetti
- Citizenship—Daughters of American Revolution—Janet Willard
- Commercial—Agawam Women's Club—\$5—Stenography—Geraldine Longey
- History Award—Veterans of Foreign Wars—\$5 and Certificate—Ann Tate

Industrial Arts Award—Veterans of Foreign Wars—\$5
 and Certificate—David Casiello
 Literature Award—Agawam Women's Club—\$5—James
 Fogg
 International Relations Prize—Agawam Women's Club—
 \$5—Raymond Casella
 Julian Magiera Student Council Award—Class of 1943—
 \$5—Daniel Barufaldi
 Commercial Award—Becker Junior College—Key—Book-
 keeping—Geraldine Longey
 Latin Award—Benjamin J. Phelps—Agawam Lions Club
 \$5—Ann Tate
 Mathematics & Science—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 James Fogg
 Music Award—Agawam Women's Club—\$5—Anne Scott
 Music Award—Band Fund—\$2.50—Robert Hardina—
 \$2.50—Alan McEwan
 Personality Club Award—\$5—Marlyn Draghetti
 Science—Bausch & Lomb—Jeffrey Atwater
 Valedictorian Prize—Reader's Digest—Lucille Ferrarini
 Vocational Household Arts—American Agriculturist
 Foundation—Book and Scroll—Joyce Brissette

Agawam High School is fortunate in that many very gen-
 erous organizations and individuals are interested in it to the
 extent that they have donated scholarships of various amounts
 to be awarded to worthy pupils at the end of their high school
 career. The names of the scholarship recipients follow:

Benjamin J. Phelps Scholarship—West Springfield—Aga-
 wam P. T. A.—\$100 each:

Marlyn Draghetti	Rosemary McMahon
Lucille Ferrarini	Joseph Sliech
Janet Willard	

Lions Club Scholarship—\$100 each:

Alan McEwan
 Betty Schoolcraft

Cora M. Barnes Scholarship—\$50—Robert Hardina

Teachers' Club Scholarship—\$100—Joan Jasmin

Webber - Fiske Scholarship—State P. T. A.—\$100—Janet
 Willard

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cataldo—Agawam Food
Mart—Highest Academic Average—\$50 each:

Lucille Ferrarini

James Fogg

The school is very grateful to the above benefactors because many times their donation gives some pupil an amount just large enough to continue his education when otherwise he might have been unable.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

While they never should dominate an educational program, extra curricular activities have a valuable place in it because they present opportunities of equalization which otherwise might not be included. A meager program is almost valueless because there should be an appeal to all aptitudes. The very liberal program for last year follows:

Basketball Season, December 12, 1952—February 20, 1953

Band Parents' Supper

Future Farmers of America Square Dance

Personality Club Valentine Dance

Tri-Hi-Y Roman Banquet

Band Parents' Card Party

Future Farmers of America Parent and Son Banquet

Sophomore Party

Band Parents' Card Party

Baseball Season, April 17, 1953—June 5, 1953

Senior Play—"Turn Back the Clock"

Lions Club Sports Night

Freshman Party

Western Massachusetts Music Festival

Promenade

Senior Banquet

Graduation

Football Season, October 3, 1953—November 21, 1953

Tri-Hi-Y Halloween Party

Sadie Hawkins Dance

Future Farmers of America Pancake Supper

Operetta—"H.M.S. Pinafore"

Good Government Day Election

Cabaret—Junior Class

Kid Party—Senior Class

CONCLUSION

Success in any school is the reflection of friendliness, co-operation, and mutual trust between students and faculty and liberality on the part of the School Committee. The school is blessed with outstanding personnel in all groups.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK T. DACEY

Principal

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

December 23, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I herewith submit my annual report for the guidance and placement department. As we think about the past year, it becomes more apparent that we must arrange for new programs to an ever-increasing high school enrollment. This past year I found it necessary to deny 36 pupils a course in typewriting because of lack of space, typewriters, and teaching personnel. I am in great hopes that all those who elect typewriting this year will be granted that privilege. Many students pursuing the college course are most anxious to have at least one year of typewriting. Those going on to college find it extremely valuable and to those boys who go into the service, they too find many more interesting opportunities with this knowledge of typewriting. It is gratifying to know we are going to have a new high school which will give us room enough to offer such subjects to all those who desire them. In order to give typing to all those who elect it for the school year 1954-1955, I am certain you will find it necessary to purchase approximately 15 or 20 additional typewriters.

Through my programing work, I find that as the school grows we are not offering a large enough selection of subjects for those students who are unable to take the languages or advanced sciences. For these people, I recommend that we consider adding such subjects as advanced biology or physiology, advanced or review algebra, additional courses in general mathematics, mechanical drawing and possibly a course in occupations and guidance.

My recommendation for additional courses added to our curriculum are not immediate needs but should be considered for the not-too-distant future. However, the typing need seems to be an immediate one.

The class of 1953 is well placed at the time of this writing.

- 29 are attending four-year colleges.
- 7 are attending junior colleges.
- 4 are in nursing training.
- 30 have excellent office employment.
- 3 are in the armed forces.

The balance of the class are either married or are in specialized work. We were happy to interest seven girls in the teaching profession. Placement remains at a very high level. Any of our graduates are offered excellent employment opportunities and I am also able to place many of our students who are over 16 in part-time employment either after school or during the summer vacation.

I want to thank all who have assisted me in the guidance work and I want to add that I am looking forward to another year which has been as pleasant as this one in the Agawam Junior and Senior High School.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND E. HARRIS

Director of Guidance and Placement

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

December 30, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I respectfully submit a summary of the nursing program for 1953.

As the school program has grown in complexity, the need for better co-ordination of the activities of all school health personnel has become more apparent. Newer concepts of health education and health specialists of the school health family, each one having a specific responsibility for some phase of the health of individual school child have been established.

The enrollment for 1953 was 2,444.

As usual I have assisted Dr. Ramah with the physical examinations of grades 2-4-6-8-11. This was the new ruling of the State for 1953. All children were weighed and measured (1712) by the school nurse. Vaccinations and diphtheria clinics were held in March and April. The pre-school child examinations were conducted with Miss Williams assisting. Booster inoculations for diphtheria were given to all third graders.

Dr. Hoag examined the children's feet.

Dr. Dalitzky, the school dentist, was at the clinic once a week.

Mrs. Ethel Kane examined the eyes of the pupils in grades 2-4-6-8. She also tested the hearing with the audiometer.

Mrs. Davenport took care of speech defects.

The substantial lunches at noon were very popular for the children's health.

The following defects were found:

Enlarged tonsils	106
Defective teeth	484
Defective vision	65
Glasses for children	15
Cross eyes	4
Poor posture	10
Overweight	8

Cardiac hearts	3
Rheumatic hearts	15
Flat feet	65
Scabies	2
Ringworm	5
Impetigo	10
Pediculosis	8
Curvature	2
Cerebral palsy	3
Cripple children	2
Congenital deformities	2
No. vaccinated	42
Underweight	7
Booster	105

These children were taken care of at Dentistry.

Cleaning	220
Fillings	100
Extractions	67
X-rays	3
Braces	7

All pupils from grade 7 to 11 (523) were X-rayed. There were two follow-up cases.

These diseases were reported for the year:

Scarlet fever	3
Mumps	72
Whooping cough	48
Diabetes	6
German measles	132
Pneumonia	4
Virus infection	13
Trench mouth	2
Pink eye	15
Infections of ear	7
Styes	22
Poison ivy	32
Accidents on playgrounds	30
Individuals admitted to nursing office—for all schools	1620
Field visits to homes	209
Office first aid for year	4068
Conferences with mothers to plan for child for different clinics	20

The clinics used are: State Orthopedic Clinic through the Shriners Hospital; The Hard of Hearing League for speech and hearing tests; The Guidance Clinic, under Dr. Cooper; The Tonsil Clinic, through the Community Chest; The Westfield Camp for underweight children.

I attended meetings of Community Chest Guidance Clinic, and Sanderson St. Clinic for handicapped children. I also attended the school nurses programs on improved procedures, certification, as well as salaries and pension plan, and a meeting on Gamma Globulin for Poliomyelitis. In June I went to the Amherst Health Conference for three days. At present I am attending classes for field training units for school nurses. There are 12 classes in all.

Miss Margaret Sullivan, State supervisor from the Department of Public Health, made four calls and visited all schools. Mr. Murphy, Board of Health, also visited the schools.

The Lions Club sponsored the Tetanus Toxide injections for all high school pupils and teachers, 583 in all. Three injections were given three weeks apart. The football players received their booster injection. Dr. Tate gave these with Miss Williams, Mrs. Cassella and the school nurse assisting.

The Lions Club has also assisted in taking care of glasses for children each year.

Dr. Ramah and Mr. Murphy drew up the school rules for first aid to be used by the school nurse.

I want to thank the School Board for appointing Mrs. Kane as my assistant. She has been a great help as the year has been a busy one for me. We would appreciate the continued co-operation of parents in checking the children for any symptoms before they leave for school. If any symptoms are found the parents are advised to call their family doctor and get in touch with the school nurse by calling the high school, 4-8045 from 8:30 to 3 P.M.

I deeply appreciate the generous assistance of the Parent-Teachers' Associations, the Lions Club, and others during the year.

I sincerely appreciate the co-operation of the Superin-

tendent, the School Committee, principals, teachers, Health Council and parents.

Coming together is a beginning,

Keeping together is progress,

Working together is success.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. O'BRIEN

Registered Nurse

REPORT OF THE GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

December 30, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The aims of the girls' physical education program have been to provide experiences through which the students learn to live rightly and well as citizens and to enrich the lives of young people by helping to achieve the maximum development of their total personalities. This was done through a program which included games, sports, neuro-muscular skills, exercises, dancing and posture training.

The number of girls participating in the after school sports program has increased so rapidly that it has seemed advisable to concentrate on class games and eliminate the Indian teams. This provides a greater opportunity for individual participation.

A golf club was inaugurated for the seniors. We started spring practice in the gym and had a tournament at the Feeding Hills Country Club.

It is our hope that the new school will have tennis courts and badminton courts so that in the future the students may learn other individual sports that will be valuable to them as means of recreation in their futures.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY R. HASTINGS
Instructor, Girls' Physical Education

REPORT OF THE BOYS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

December 30, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The following is a resume of the activity in the boys' department of physical education.

As usual all boys were assigned to two periods of physical education per week and were given a physical examination by the school doctor and nurse as a precautionary measure.

Due to increased school enrollment the classes were naturally unusually large and a lack of facilities definitely caused limitation in certain phases of our regular program. However, unusually favorable weather during the long out-of-door seasons made it possible for us to circumvent some deficiencies in our out-of-building activity. With the advent of the winter months the indoor program, especially involving the senior high school, had several problems to overcome. Due to the enlarged classes we were not able to keep the graded groups intact for their gymnasium work. While this situation has been steadily developing through the late years, it certainly reached its culmination this past year when boys were assigned to certain gym classes regardless of their status as students. The physical differences encountered were considerable and as a result these differences made many adjustments necessary to carry on a program in which all could participate. Featured were sports in season and the indoor work involved calisthenics, apparatus work and gymnasium games.

Interscholastic competition in the major sports found our teams capable and successful. Competition below the varsity and junior varsity level was featured for the freshmen and junior high school students in football and basketball. This created a satisfactory feeder system for the teams of the future.

Anticipating a happier year in 1954, this report is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

HARMON A. SMITH
Supervisor of Boys' Physical Education

REPORT OF THE VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

December 14, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Reviewing the past year's work of our department would make a 157 page report.

This report was made and forwarded to the State Department of Education and then to Washington, D. C.

It certainly would be impossible to write this report now so in its place I shall now enumerate the outstanding highlights of this report.

We received a gold emblem plaque from the national office signifying we had one of the most outstanding departments in the country.

The writer received the "Honorary American Farmer" degree for his leadership ability. This is the highest award given to an individual in FFA work on the national level.

The New England Livestock Conservation, Inc., presented us a gold plaque as having the best program in livestock conservation in New England for the past year.

Our band was given an invitation to play at the national convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

The people of our community donated over \$1400 to send the group to the convention.

Ralph D'Amato, Jr. won the scholarship plaque for the third consecutive year. He averaged 85% for all subjects.

Charles Granger won the Outstanding Project plaque. Charles owned and operated 24 acres of vegetables.

James A. Reardon won the Star Chapter Farmer award

as having the best all-round scholastic marks and project. James owns 9 registered Ayrshire Cattle and had an average of 83% for all subjects.

William Munsell won the local public speaking contest. Eight boys participated in the contest in addition James Rear-don acted as chairman for the contest.

We were the state winner in the farm safety contest.

We were state tractor driving champions for the past year.

We had our annual Parent and Son banquet.

We had our annual picnic and annual dance.

Yes, the boys of the Vocational-Agriculture Department of the Agawam High School have a well rounded program of activity—a program that will develop a citizen of tomorrow of which the community will be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID SKOLNICK
Vocational Agriculture Instructor

REPORT OF THE ART DEPARTMENT

December 23, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Art is for everyone, not just the talented few. It is the aim of this department to try to interest each child in art in its many forms. Color, design, construction, drawing, and painting are taught by having each child experiment with many varied materials and media. Slides and films have been used to help motivate some projects.

The students have a part in the planning of their art program. This has been possible to a lesser degree in the lower grades where classes are large, but to a great extent in the smaller high school classes.

Honors were won by high school students in the Small School Basketball Poster Contest, and recognition was received from the Junior Red Cross for work sent overseas through the International School Art program. The Woman's Club Art prize was awarded to Marlyn Draghetti.

The accent has been on the growth of the individual, rather than the individual in relationship to his fellow students. The learning process has been stressed more than the finish product, although certain standards have been set for the high school students.

The ultimate goal of the art program has been to enrich each individual child's experiences in order to make him a better and happier citizen in his community.

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY C. CASSIDY

Supervisor of Art

REPORT OF THE HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

December 21, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I herein submit my third annual report as Supervisor of Home Economics in the Agawam Junior-Senior High School.

Our homemaking classes reach some two hundred and twenty-five girls this year. There are ninety-five girls of the seventh grade who meet once a week for a forty-five minute period for sewing. During their first year of sewing, we strive to teach them the fundamentals, basic stitches and techniques of sewing, and each year they work on a project that will put these into practice.

Girls of the eighth grade meet twice a week for "foods" classes, and here, too, they are taught good nutrition, cooking techniques and the preparation of simple every day foods.

Freshman girls having had one year of sewing in the seventh grade, meet twice a week for a forty-five minute period and their work covers a more advanced course in sewing.

We hope for and anticipate great enthusiasm for our "Home Making Courses" in the future, and in the meantime we will strive to continue to create a lively interest in our course.

Whether harassed like the old woman who lived in a shoe, or inspired to "live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man," every individual faces problems in establishing a satisfying manner of home living. It is the purpose of homemaking education to acknowledge situations as they exist, help individuals achieve changes they desire, and guide them toward worthy contributions to family life and world citizenship.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET LEE CONNELLY

Home Economics Supervisor

REPORT OF THE VOCATIONAL HOUSEHOLD ARTS DEPARTMENT

December 23, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The Vocational Household Arts program at Agawam High School offers the students enrolled a "design-for-living in the home" program.

The girls do work in all phases of Foods and Clothing. Training in general care of the home, including the fundamentals of cleaning, laundering and consumer purchasing are also included. The repeated performance of these learnings directs the student toward acquiring the essential knowledge and skills of home management. The girls realize that home may be a place where one may not only live, but get enjoyment out of living.

Three girls in the graduating class were enrolled in Household Arts their entire four years. Other class members were enrolled for two or three years.

Special projects encourage the use of Students' own ideas. This year, twelve dolls were dressed for youngsters in war-torn Europe. Each doll had four complete outfits which showed originality.

The girls take pride and joy in their accomplishments and have an appreciation of good homemaking and its importance.

Homemaking is the most important business in life, therefore, consideration should be given to extending this course to reach more of our girls.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE B. KELLY
Director of Household Arts

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF VOCAL MUSIC

December 23, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

"Music," someone has said, "is the fourth need of man: food, clothing, shelter—then music." We all need to bring into our lives those elements that can inspire and lift the mind above the material things in life. Good music is one of the greatest sources of such inspiration. It is this thought which acts as the guiding principal for the teaching of music in our schools. Nothing can be accomplished, however, without the proper materials with which to work. It is hoped that within a short time the necessary books and records and record players will be available.

During the year demonstrations of classroom activities were put on for the parents of the Phelps and Granger Schools. The parents saw demonstrated the regular activities carried on in the primary grades including singing, folk dancing, rhythm bands and dramatizations.

Due to increased enrollment in the Junior High School music classes are held in the auditorium with two or more classes combined together.

The following activities were participated in during the year by the musical groups.

February—Massachusetts All-State chorus at Springfield

March—New England Music Festival at Brookline

April—Program for parents: Grades 1-3 Phelps School,
Grades 1-6 Granger School

May—Spring concert by Junior and Senior High School
Choral groups. Western Music Festival at Turners Falls

June—High School graduation exercises

Oct.-Nov.—High School operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore";
Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day assemblies

December—Christmas Assembly

My thanks to you, Mr. Reynolds, for your co-operation,
to the teachers for their work in the grades, to the principals
who have been invaluable in assisting me in my work, and to
the student body who have been so loyal in their support.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY FRANCES HAYES

Supervisor of Vocal Music

REPORT OF THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

December 15, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I respectfully submit a brief summary of the instrumental music program of 1953.

The Agawam High School Band and Majorettes have performed faithfully for the following activities:

Two nights at the University of Massachusetts for the basketball tournament.

Dedication of the new Agawam Shopping Center.

Spring Band Concert

May Music Festival at Turners Falls, Massachusetts, where over four thousand vocalists and instrumentalists participated.

Memorial Day parade at Suffield, Conn.

All of the football games; at home and away.

In May, all of the elementary school instrumental musicians were combined into a band of 100 players. After a one-hour rehearsal, they made a tour of all the schools and gave a half-hour concert which was well received by parents and pupils.

Sunday, May 31, all of our majorettes, Sr. High, Jr. High and Elementary majorettes, went to Holyoke to the Baton Twirling Festival, where they did for themselves and Agawam something to be proud of. The High School majorettes won 2nd prize in their class group and the Elementary majorettes won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize in their class group.

At the Agawam Teachers' Club Variety show in April, our four elementary school bands competed for a cash prize

which was turned over to the band fund of the school that won. The Elementary School majorettes competed also for a cash prize and the winner was the group that made the concert tour with the combined elementary school bands.

The Junior High band and Senior High band alternate in playing for all high school assemblies and P.T.A.'s.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to all principals and teachers for their splendid co-operation and help in carrying out the work of the Instrumental Music Department. It has been with their assistance that our High School band has made a name for itself.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD T. CROTTY

Supervisor of Instrumental Music

REPORT OF THE AUDIO VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT

December 21, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The undersigned assumed the duties of the Audio Visual Aids Department in September of 1953.

The proper functioning of this department rests greatly on the voluntary work of the members of the Audio Visual Aids Club, who use their study hours to operate and care for the equipment.

These members form the nucleus of a group of students who are continually in a state of training. The present director inherited an excellent group of operators from Mr. Skolnick that simplified the changeover of department heads.

The program of in-service training for the teachers rests wholly with them as the Audio Visual Aids Director is on call and available for such instruction every afternoon of the week. This applies to the elementary schools as well as the senior and junior high schools.

At the present time the department is working under its fullest capabilities. Naturally, there are "growing pains" which are very normal in the expanding school program. These are being corrected as rapidly and as efficiently as the department is able to do.

Agawam is growing and its school needs are increasing. Audio Visual Aids must also grow with it. With the future possibility of television in the schools the department will assume greater importance. It is recommended that its Audio Visual equipment be modernized and brought up to date.

With the excellent cooperation evidenced under the new

school administration, it is felt that the future of the Audio Visual Aids Department has excellent possibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER T. SARANTOPOULOS

Director of Audio Visual Aids

REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

December 21, 1953

Mr. George L. Reynolds
Superintendent of Schools
Agawam, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

INDUSTRIAL ARTS EDUCATION IN A DEMOCRACY

Industrial Arts fits perfectly into the pattern of a truly democratic system of education; it provides a challenge for all types of minds, and for a variety of interests and aptitudes. Whether preparing for a life of leisure, for college, or for early entrance into gainful employment, the student in Junior High, secondary, or adult class finds that time spent in the shop or drafting room is enjoyable, instructive, and profitable. Society with its insistence on the perpetuation of a democratic heritage and culture, finds a favorable climate and a fertile soil in a sound program of industrial arts education.

It can be said without fear of contradiction that no other subject-matter area has more to offer its students in the way of preparing for a living in a democratic society than that of industrial arts.

Evaluated in terms of the three major characteristics of democracy—liberty, equality, fraternity—our program takes none other than first place, for where else in our schools is to be found an area of instruction whose democratic goals are as attainable and as readily measured? Where are liberty, equality, and fraternity better taught (not talked about) than in a real laboratory of life-like activities, where regimentation is unknown, where cooperation is the key word, where the worth of every individual assumes prime importance?

One visit to the industrial arts shops would convince the most severe critic that here is real democracy in action. Here is the spawning ground for truly free people, free to work, free

to discuss, free to come and go at will, limited only by their consideration for others with whom they work and live.

While knowledge alone is not power, knowledge and skills combined and applied not only make people powerful, but free. Freedom entails self-reliance, mental, physical, and emotional security, a correct appraisal of one's weaknesses and strengths, plus the ability to solve one's own problems. These are some of the attainable objectives of industrial arts.

In the shop pupils develop a mutual respect for one another which does not depend on the chance of birth or wealth. The worth of each individual is recognized and respected as he or she "rubs elbows and mind" with fellow students. All of the students have an equal opportunity for success. The less apt resolve problems geared to their own abilities and interests. Those more gifted are engaged with assignments challenging their particular level of aptitudes. Competition is on a friendly basis between students as each attempts to improve his own past performance. Liberty, equality and fraternity are not words in industrial arts; they assume a true life meaning, for here students and instructors actually live in a miniature democratic society.

The following fourteen quotes were taken from a survey which was conducted in the industrial arts classes in Agawam. They give one a glimpse of the students' reactions to the training which they receive in our shops:

1. "I like shop because it is interesting, fun, and I have many useful experiences."

2. "I took shop because I'd like to learn something about woodworking and shop work. I am planning on going to work in a shop when I get out of school. I want to get a little experience in running machinery."

3. "I elected shop because I intend to make a few items for our home, and especially because I have a lot of repair work to do constantly."

4. "I elected shop because I like woodworking. It is like a hobby for me."

5. "I elected shop because I feel it is one of the most important parts of my training for my future life, for I expect to build a home some day."

6. "I like shop because it gives me a chance to learn about

different machinery and how to operate it safely in making useful things."

7. "I like shop because it gives you a chance to use a lot of machines which you wouldn't have a chance to otherwise."

8. "I took shop because I intend to continue to study cabinet making when I graduate from high school."

9. "I elected shop because I want some day to be a carpenter."

10. "I elected shop because I enjoy it and because I feel it will be a benefit to me in my training for my life work. I hope to own and operate my own garage some day."

11. "I elected shop because I like woodwork. It seems like art. I like to see my own work come into shape."

12. "I took shop because I think it is interesting. It helps make the day pleasant and you are not always sitting down."

13. "I took shop to get away from the dry classroom."

14. "I like shop because I like to do things with my hands."

THE COST OF INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

There is no question as to the value of industrial education courses. They not only enrich the pupils' lives; they serve to lengthen the school experience of a large number of boys because of their interest in shop activities. Any discussion of costs of the program should start under the assumption that industrial education is a valuable part of the curriculum. This issue is not so much the total cost of the program, but is the unit cost for each student.

It has been a practice in Agawam to ask the superintendent of schools to include an item in his budget of approximately \$5 per pupil (for a year) for those participating in the shop program. This amount covers the cost of lumber, steel, supplies, materials, and maintenance of equipment. It is desired to point out here that a large part of this money is returned to the town of Agawam. As collections are made from students for the

cost of materials and supplies they use, it is turned over to the town treasurer. A record of 1953 receipts is as follows:

Senior High School Shop	\$400.19
Junior High School Shop	45.40
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	\$445.59

The seemingly small sum collected in the junior high school is due to the fact that mechanical drawing was taught to the 7th grade boys for one period a week during one half of the year. This in turn cut down the time allotted to actual shop project work. It should also be noted that the \$400.19 is a considerably higher amount than any preceding year. This is attributed to the larger classes and the higher cost of materials. Every possible step has and is being taken to keep expenses as low as possible and yet maintain a high standard of educational value.

To give one specific instance of saving dollars in the purchase of lumber we have purchased this past year for the first time a black willow wood (which grows in the swamps of Mississippi) which costs only 27c a board foot. It has been used to good advantage for it is a very desirable grained wood and easily worked by the boys. This has reduced our buying of birch, maple, black walnut and ponderosa pine wood which costs anywhere from 40 to 55 cents a board foot.

A goodly part of the supplies and some lumber purchased go into repairs and projects which the boys work on in and about the schools of Agawam.

SUGGESTIONS

It is believed that perhaps some thought should be taken toward giving girls a shop training course, especially in the junior high school, and possibly as an elective in the senior high school. For instance a girl might like and could excell in mechanical drawing and someday find a place in the engineering world where there is a decided shortage of qualified personnel. Also a girl is a potential home planner and owner. Why should they not participate in the shop training program? Perhaps to give the boys a bit of domestic arts—most especially cooking, would be a good move. There are times in every man's life that he should and will have to care for the home and cook for the family. Some boys aspire to the culinary arts as a vo-

cation such as hotel work and restaurant cooking. The armed services need good cooks and bakers. Why not give the boys the basic exploratory experiences while in the junior high school?

It is thought that improved shop learning could take place if the scheduling of shop classes could be set up on a double period basis; that is, two shop periods in succession for each class.

It has been the administrative practice here in Agawam to require the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades to take shop as a required subject, and make it an elective in the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. However, this year it has been necessary to make shop an elective subject in the ninth grade, which did reduce the congestion considerably.

The Massachusetts Department of Education Vocational Division has a sound practice recommendation that all classes in shop, with the type of machinery and instruction being afforded in Agawam, be restricted to 16 per class in order to operate safely and do justice to the students. We, here in Agawam, have been operating successfully with 20 per class and some classes now have 24 pupils in them.

The increased load (up to 24 in some classes) and increased number of classes (4 more in senior high school shop and 4 more in the junior high shop) all carried by the Industrial Arts department, are somewhat of a strain.

The present facilities for teaching mechanical drawing are inadequate. However, the new high school will alleviate, it is hoped, this lack of space and offer increased educational opportunities in many fields.

In looking into the future with increased course offerings planned in the new shop set up such as:

Painting and spraying, related classroom work, moulding, welding, electronics, machine shop practice, and other possible vocations; in addition to the ones now offered which are: wood work, wood finishing, sheet metal, auto mechanics, upholstery, machine shop, mechanical drawing, spinning (metal).

It might seem wise to suggest that an appointment of another industrial arts instructor be considered. The junior high

shop instructorship, it is suggested, might be a full time shop job and release him from the part time Science program which he now carries on.

EVENING SCHOOL ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

This past year during the months of October, November and December there was a very popular demand for adult education evening classes in woodworking. There were a few more applicants than could be accommodated. However, the first class enrolled with a total of 20 pupils and was a bit overcrowded. There were 8 women and 12 men who participated in this unit which met on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. to 9:22 p.m.

In order to accommodate more people in 1954 it is planned to have two classes with smaller enrollment in each class and one class meeting Monday evening and the other class Wednesday evening, from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There is a popular demand for this type of educational training and it should be extended to include such offerings as wood finishing, upholstery, blue print reading and possibly others, as the demand warrants. If there are 10 persons who are sincerely interested in a course of instruction it should be offered when the facilities of the new high school are available.

CONCLUSION

There has been very close coordination in the junior and senior high school shop instruction as both instructors are teaching junior high school boys presently.

The equipment that we have is kept in good running order. Materials and supplies have been ample to work with.

The maintenance jobs outside of the class instruction projects have been numerous and at times put extra pressure on the instructors. However, the employing of a building maintenance superintendent, Mr. Dudley Bodurtha, has really alleviated this pressure considerably. The shops are willing and able to help and have accomplished much in the past.

I should like to point out once again that from a health and sanitary standpoint, a blower system is desperately needed.

It has been a pleasure to serve as a shop instructor. I like

my work and I like boys. It has been gratifying to receive the courteous cooperation of the principal, Mr. Dacey, and assistant principal, Mr. Harris, and most especially, Mr. Bodurtha. It is my sincere wish that we can continue to give the Town of Agawam a worthy and efficient Industrial Arts department at a minimum cost to the taxpayer.

It is firmly believed that under the able leadership of our new superintendent, Mr. George L. Reynolds, it will be done.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. BAKER
Industrial Arts Instructor

TEACHERS' APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS — 1953

APPOINTMENTS

Name	School	Subject or Grade	Began Service
James O. McGuigan	Junior High	Geography	eff. Jan., 1954
Robert D. Morse	Senior High	Geography & History	Nov., 1953
Hymen R. Roseman	Senior High	Science	Sept., 1953
Peter Sarantopoulos	Junior High	Geography	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Lois J. Canora	Katherine G. Danahy	Grade IV	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Theresa Florek	Katherine G. Danahy	Grade II	Sept., 1953
James Loomis, Jr.	Katherine G. Danahy	Grade VI	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Barbara Spear	Katherine G. Danahy	Grade III	Sept., 1953
Constance Drewry	Benjamin J. Phelps	Grade II	Nov., 1953
Norma Erickson	Benjamin J. Phelps	Grade VI—1 yr. sub.	Sept., 1953
Margaret R. Cruise	Faolin M. Peirce	Grade III—1 yr. sub.	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Barbara Feinberg	Faolin M. Peirce	Grade I	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Dorothy Harris	Faolin M. Peirce	Grade VI—1/2 day	Nov., 1953
Beverly Ottani	Faolin M. Peirce	Grade II—1 yr. sub.	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Mildred Neat	Clifford M. Granger	Grade IV	Sept., 1953
Roxanne Reiss	Clifford M. Granger	Grade III	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Jean Wood	Clifford M. Granger	Grade II—1 yr. sub.	Sept., 1953

RESIGNATIONS

Mrs. Nancy Cassidy	Art Supervisor	Service Ended eff. Mar., 1954
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Richard P. Carbone	Senior High	Geography & History	Oct., 1953
J. Joseph Freme	Senior High	Science	June, 1953
Robert D. Morse	Senior High	Geography & History	eff. Jan., 1954
Mrs. Dorothea Nardi	Senior High	English	eff. Mar., 1954
Mrs. Dorothy Kleis	Katherine G. Danahy	Grade III	Oct., 1953
Mildred L. Downton	Katherine G. Danahy	Grade IV	June, 1953
Mrs. Elizabeth Peirce	Clifford M. Granger	Grade IV	June, 1953
Mrs. Barbara Verminski	Clifford M. Granger	Grade V	June, 1953
Faolin M. Peirce	Faolin M. Peirce	Grade II	Dec., 1953

TRANSFERS

From		To	
Mrs. Julia Crawford	K. G. Danahy-Gd. III	Benjamin J. Phelps—Gd. VI	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Melba Meehan	K. G. Danahy-Gd. VI	Junior High—English	Sept., 1953
Harry L. Leonardi	Junior High—Geography	Senior High—History	eff. Jan., 1954

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Name	School	Subject or Grade	Service Ended
Mrs. Teresa Boardman	Clifford M. Granger	Grade III	June, 1953
Mrs. Eloise Clark	Faolin M. Peirce	Grade I	June, 1953
Mrs. Shirley Doe	Faolin M. Peirce	Grade III	June, 1953
Faolin M. Peirce	Faolin M. Peirce	Grade II	June, 1953
Raymond Kaskeski	Benjamin J. Phelps	Grade VI	June, 1953

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

DECEMBER 31, 1953

Superintendent	Subject or Grade	Education	Began Service in Agawam
George L. Reynolds		Amherst College, B.A.	eff. Jan., 1954
Supervisors			
Mrs. Nancy Cassidy	Art	Mass. School of Art, B.S.	Sept., 1952
Howard T. Crotty	Instrumental Music	Julius Hartt School, B.M.	Sept., 1948
		Springfield College, M.E.	
Mary F. Hayes	Vocal Music	Lowell State College, B.S.	Sept., 1948
		Boston University, M.A.	
Paul R. Langlois	Science	University of Maine, B.A.	Sept., 1936
		Springfield College, M.E.	
Lillian I. Wermer	Consultant in El. Ed.	N. Haven State Teach. Col., B.S.	Sept., 1953
		Yale University, M.A.	
Junior-Senior High School			
Frederick T. Dacey	Principal	Fitchburg State Col., B.S.	Sept., 1922
		University of Mass., M.S.	
Raymond E. Harris	Asst. Prin. and Guidance Director	Fitchburg State Col., B.S.	Sept., 1930
		University of Mass., M.S.	
Henry H. Baker	Manual Training	Fitchburg State Col., B.S.	Sept., 1938
		Springfield College, M.E.	
Margaret Connelly	Domestic Science	Worcester Dom. Science School	Jan., 1951

Dorothy Hastings	Physical Train. and Coach of Girls' Ath.	Bouve Boston School of Phy. Ed., Amer. Int. Col., B.S.	Sept., 1936
Mrs. Marjorie B. Kelly	Voc. Household Arts	Framingham State Col., B.S.	Sept., 1944
David Skolnick	Agriculture	University of Mass., B.S.	Oct., 1947
Harmon A. Smith	Physical Train. and Coach of Boys' Ath.	University of Mass., M.S. Springfield College	Sept., 1924
Mary L. Coleman	Commercial	Bay Path Sec. School	Sept., 1946
Jane Durkan	Mathematics	Our Lady of the Elms Col., B.A.	Sept., 1950
Francis Gammie	Science & Driver Ed.	Westfield State Col., B.S.	Sept., 1951
Mrs. Marion Gleason	Commercial	American Int. Col., B.A. American Int. Col., M.A.	Sept., 1949
Wayne Holmes	English & History	Springfield College, B.S.	Sept., 1950
Harry L. Leonardi	Social Studies	Springfield College, M.E.	Sept., 1952
Eleanor B. Miller	and Coaching Latin & English	Springfield College, B.S. Smith College, A.B.	Sept., 1928
Mrs. Dorothea Nardi	English	University of Vermont, M.A.	
Barbara H. Phelps	English	University of Mass., B.A.	Sept., 1942
Hymen R. Roseman	Science	Middlebury College, B.A. Springfield College, M.A.	Sept., 1942
Mrs. Maria Sears	English & French	University of Mass., B.S. University of Mass., M.S.	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Miriam Sherman	Math. & Jr. Bus. Tr.	Radcliffe College, B.A.	Sept., 1950
Eleanor H. Smith	Mathematics	Harvard University, M.A. Syracuse University, B.A.	Sept., 1951
		Smith College, B.A. Columbia University, M.A.	Sept., 1922

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT — CONTINUED

Subject or Grade	Education	Began Service In Agawam
Marjorie Ward	History	Sept., 1922
Charles Corcoran	Science	Sept., 1951
David D'Antonio	Man'l. Tr. & Science	Sept., 1948
Esther Dillon	English	Sept., 1947
Mrs. Angela Holmes	Civics & Health	Sept., 1951
Charles Kistner	History	Sept., 1947
Emily McGonnick	Mathematics	Sept., 1924
John O. McGuigan	Geography	Sept., 1954
Mrs. Melba Meehan	English & Geography	eff. Jan., 1954
Ida C. Moggio	English	Sept., 1952
Mrs. Barbara O'Connor	Mathematics	Sept., 1945
Mrs. Evelyn Riley	Special Class	Sept., 1949
Peter Sarantopoulos	Math., & Civics	Sept., 1950
Benjamin J. Phelps School		Sept., 1953
Mary E. McDowell	Principal	Sept., 1926
Norma Erickson	Grade VI	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Julia Crawford	Grade VI	Sept., 1934
Mrs. Eileen Courtney	Grade VI	Sept., 1950
	Smith College, B.A.	
	Columbia University, M.A.	
	Westfield State Col., B.S.	
	Fitchburg State Col., B.S.	
	Springfield College, M.E.	
	Our Lady of the Elms Col., B.A.	
	Bridgewater State Teach. Col., M.E.	
	No. Texas State Teach. Col., B.S.	
	University of Mass., M.S.	
	Springfield College, B.S.	
	Westfield State College	
	Springfield College, B.S.	
	Boston University, B.S.	
	University of Mass., B.A.	
	Springfield College, M.E.	
	Westfield State Col., B.S.	
	Potsdam State College	
	Penn. State College, B.S.	
	Eastern State Normal	
	Our Lady of the Elms Col., B.A.	
	Westfield State College	
	Westfield State College, B.S.	

Mrs. Doris Hembt	Grade V	Albion College, A.B.	Sept., 1950
Mrs. Alice Marion	Grade V	No. Adams State Col., B.S.	Sept., 1947
Mrs. Esther Straszko	Grade V	Lyndon, Vt. State College, B.S.	Sept., 1947
Nora Chandler	Grade IV	Farmington Normal School	Sept., 1927
Mrs. Mary Janik	Grade IV	Westfield State College, B.S.	Nov., 1951
Mrs. Mildred Pierce	Grade IV	Springfield College, B.S.	Sept., 1952
Mrs. Edith Arens	Grade III	Westfield State College	Sept., 1945
Mrs. Bernadine Polopek	Grade III	Fitchburg State College, B.S.	Sept., 1952
Mrs. Marion King	Grade III	Yale Summer School	Nov., 1946
Mrs. Mary McMahon	Grade II	Westfield State College	Sept., 1945
Mrs. Cecily LaBonte	Grade II	Fitchburg State College, B.S.	Sept., 1928
Mrs. Reba Labardie	Grade II	Johnson Teachers' College	Sept., 1951
Constance Drewry	Grade II	Mount Holyoke College, B.A.	Sept., 1953
		Springfield College, M.E.	
Mrs. Merle Roberts	Grade I	Eastern State Normal	Sept., 1950
Jane Caffrey	Grade I	Lesley College	Sept., 1949
Mrs. Florence Coffin	Grade I	Lowell Teachers' College	Jan., 1951
Mrs. Dorothy Bruneau	Grade I	Westfield State College, B.S.	Sept., 1952

Katherine G. Danahy School

Mary T. Lynch	Principal & Gd. VI	Westfield State College	Sept., 1919
		Boston University, B.S.	
James Loomis, Jr.	Grade VI	Fitchburg State Teach. Col., B.S.	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Ruth Anderson	Grades V & VI	Gorham State Teach. College	Sept., 1952
Mrs. Carolyn Siano	Grade V	No. Adams State College, B.S.	Sept., 1952
Mrs. Lois J. Canora	Grade IV	Wellesley College, B.A.	Sept., 1953
Mrs. Barbara Spear	Grade III	Bridgewater St. Teach. Col., B.S.	Sept., 1953

Subject or Grade	Education	Began Service
Mrs. Theresa Florek	Grade II	Our Lady of the Elms Col., A.B. Sept., 1953
Julia O'Connell	Grade II	Springfield Kindergarten April, 1927
Mrs. Helen Jones	Grade I	Westfield State College Sept., 1950
Mrs. Barbara Swanson	Grade I	Westfield State College Sept., 1952
Elizabeth McCormick	Special Class	Westfield State College Sept., 1927
Faolin M. Peirce School		
Thelma E. Meadon	Principal & Gd. VI	Westfield State College, B.S. Sept., 1941
Mrs. Dorothy Harris	Grade VI	Fitchburg State Teach. Col. Nov., 1953
Mrs. Corrinne Arsenaault	Grade V	Boston University, B.S. Sept., 1952
Ada I. Bready	Grade IV	Westfield State College Sept., 1941
Margaret Cruise	Grade III	Spfld. Nor. Kindgtn. Tr. Sch. Sept., 1953
Carol Knight	Grade II	Our Lady of the Elms Col., B.S. Sept., 1950
Beverly Ottani	Grade II	American Int. College, B.S. Sept., 1953
Mrs. Barbara Feinberg	Grade I	Westfield State College, B.S. Sept., 1953
Mrs. Marguerite Dacey	Grade I	Westfield State College Sept., 1947
Clifford M. Granger School		
Mrs. Madrine Allen	Principal & Gd. VI	Plymouth, N. H. Nor. School April, 1933
Mrs. Phyllis Granger	Grades V & VI	Portsmouth, N. H. Tr. School Dec., 1952
Mrs. Mildred Neat	Grades IV & V	University of Kentucky, A.B. Sept., 1953
Roxanne Reiss	Grade IV	Cortland State Tea. Col., B.S. Sept., 1953
Ruth Ripley	Grade III	Castine Normal School Sept., 1925
Mrs. Jean Wood	Grade II	Boston University, B.S. Sept., 1953
Mrs. Mary Smith	Grade II	Westfield State College, B.S. Sept., 1950
Mrs. Eileen Eagan	Grade I	Fitchburg State College, B.S. Sept., 1946
Mrs. Edna Shea	Grade I	Fitchburg State College, B.S. Sept., 1950

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